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Subject: Re: Sulfoxaflor - sorghum, citrus, soybean

Hi Nancy,

I expect to bring the following individuals to our meeting next week.

Renee Manusifi, American Soybean Association
Mike Aerts, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association
Don Parker, National Cotton Council
Steve Hensley, National Cotton Council
Tim Lust, National Sorghum Producers
Dale Murden, Texas Citrus Mutual

Nick Hill a citrus grower from CA was planning to attend and represent CA Citrus Mutual but USDA cancelled a DC-based citrus meeting so he will not be making the trip east.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

Thank you,
Joe

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Yes. we have a 30 minute window on the calendar.

Regards,
Nancy

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Hi Nancy,

I just wanted to confirm that we are still on for 11am on the 18th? A few folks are flying in and I'd like to give them the green light.

Thank you,
Joe

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Joe,
I think the afternoon of the 18th will work for me and we should be able to find a 30 minute window. I want to make sure we have the correct staff experts join us as well, so please work with Avivah and Venus and I'm optimistic we can make this happen.

Regards,
Nancy

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Hi Nancy,

Would it be possible to meet with you and/or someone from your team on September 18th to discuss the delay in the Section 3 approval for Sulfoxaflor on citrus, sorghum and soybean uses? My apologies for offering only the one day as an option but it was the only day I could get people from National Sorghum Producers (TX), American Soybean Association (DC), California Citrus Mutual, Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association, and Texas Citrus Mutual all in DC on the same day.

The Sulfoxaflor registration was vacated by the 9th circuit in Sept. 2015. EPA finalized a new registration in Oct. 2016 but removed citrus and soybean from the Section 3 citing concerns about pollinators.

Sorghum was not on the original Section 3 but was it in the works when the original registration was vacated. Last winter we (sorghum) were assured by folks at EPA that the new uses for sulfoxaflor would be completed by August (this month) and they had everything they needed to get it done. But now we are hearing that the new uses (citrus, sorghum and soybean) aren't getting done anytime soon.

This is a big problem for a number of crops. I'm not as familiar with the soybean situation but I know for sorghum, sulfoxaflor is one of only two tools they have to fight the sugarcane aphid, a new and invasive pest that is hammering the crop throughout its range. For citrus, I'm told it is the only product they can use to combat Asian Citrus Psyllid, the vector of citrus greening, during the weeks just before harvest.

I'm hopeful that hearing the grower perspective might help provide context beyond what the registrants can share and effectively communicate the urgency for the products approval.

Thank you,
Joe

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