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**Subject:** Re: Chlorpyrifos Response

Thanks.

On Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 1:46 PM, Abboud, Michael <[abboud.michael@epa.gov](mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov)> wrote:

**“EPA is reviewing the decision. The Columbia Center’s data underlying the Court’s assumptions remains inaccessible and has hindered the Agency’s ongoing process to fully evaluate the pesticide using the best available, transparent science.” – EPA Spokesperson Michael Abboud**

### **On background:**

The Columbia Center study has been widely-used as support for a ban, despite divergent scientific views among EPA scientific review panels and the **Obama Administration’s USDA** questioning the study and its data:

- 2016 EPA Scientific Advisory Panel: “Some Panel members thought the quality of the CCCEH data is hard to assess when raw analytical data have not been made available, and the study has not been reproduced.”
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- 2017 **Obama Administration** USDA letter: “USDA has grave concerns that ambiguous response data from a single, inconclusive study are being combined with a mere guess as to dose levels, and the result is being used to underpin a regulatory decision ...”

EPA LINK: <https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/chlorpyrifos-epas-seven-year-quest-columbias-raw-data>

USDA letter attached.