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Subject: Re: glyphosate SAP report

Thanks Robert, this is very helpful, and I have sent you the questions just now as promised.

I have kept them brief and limited because I am still hoping for a telephone interview, perhaps when Anna gets back, and we can make additions to the story during the editing process. But this should give you a good idea.

best, Michael

On Fri, Aug 10, 2018 at 9:01 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Michael,

Here are answers to your first couple of questions, on background, please. Let us know when you have more.

Q1. The SAP makes a number of recommendations to EPA for revisions and updating of the Sept 2016 Glyphosate Issue Paper on carcinogenicity. What is the process by which the Issue Paper is revised, assuming that the suggestions of the SAP are adopted?

EPA [revised the Glyphosate issue paper](#) to be consistent with SAP recommendations in areas where the panel reached consensus. See the EPA's [response to the SAP](#) document for specific information on how the issue paper was revised.

Q2. What are the next steps, formal or informal, for doing this, and what is the estimated timeline?

In a [December 18, 2017 announcement](#), EPA released the [glyphosate Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments and supporting documents](#) for public comment. The comment period closed in April 2018. Included in the supporting documents was the revised glyphosate issue paper which was used to inform the draft risk assessment.

Next we are scheduled to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

The draft human health risk assessment found no meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The draft ecological risk assessment indicates there is potential for effects on birds, mammals, and terrestrial and aquatic plants. Any proposed mitigation measures, if needed, will focus on reducing the ecological risk.

Cheers, R.

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Writing would be okay if I am allowed to pose a series of questions. I hope we can avoid any prepared or formulaic statements that are not responsive to what I need to know. Just being frank here. I much prefer the back and forth of a telephone interview.

best, Michael

On Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 4:09 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Michael. I'll check. I expect we'll be getting back to you in writing, though.

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Possible interview subjects might include Gregory Akerman or Monique Perron, who prepared the Division's response to the SAP recommendations? Were they directly involved in the original evaluation?

thanks again, Michael

On Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 1:11 PM Michael Balter **Ex. 6** wrote:

Hello again,

I think I might have answered the first question with some more searching.

Would I be right in thinking that the revised Glyphosate Issue Paper dated Dec 12, 2017 incorporated the SAP's comments and that this is, for now at least, the final evaluation on the subject by EPA?

I would still appreciate help with the request to talk to an EPA expert, however, with thanks.

best, Michael

Michael

On Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 11:41 AM Michael Balter Ex. 6 wrote:

Hello Robert,

I hope your day is off to a good start.

I am making my way through the SAP report that you kindly pointed me to, and find it very interesting. I should mention that we are working on an article which, in part, compares the differing evaluations of glyphosate safety arrived at by the several agencies that have examined the issue, including EPA, WHO's IARC, the European Food Safety Agency, European Chemicals Agency, WHO/FAO, etc. We are very interested in how and why the evaluations differ.

I have a question and a request.

Question: The SAP makes a number of recommendations to EPA for revisions and updating of the Sept 2016 Glyphosate Issue Paper on carcinogenicity. What is the process by which the Issue Paper is revised, assuming that the suggestions of the SAP are adopted? What are the next steps, formal or informal, for doing this, and what is the estimated timeline?

Request: At some point, probably late next week, I would like to talk to an appropriate EPA scientific expert who is intimately familiar (or participated in, even better) the analyses published in the Issue Paper and pose a number of questions to him or her about that process. Could you identify a good person to talk to so we could set up a telephone interview?

Many thanks for your continuing help.

best regards,

Michael Balter

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On Wed, Aug 1, 2018 at 2:34 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Also:

[Meeting Minutes/Final Report \(December 13-16, 2016\) \(PDF\)\(101 pp, 906 K\)](#)

[Visit docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0385 for additional background materials.](#)

Cheers, R.

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That might do it:

Everything is at <https://www.epa.gov/sap/meeting-materials-december-13-16-2016-scientific-advisory-panel>. Specifically, the minutes/final report dated 3/16/17 is at https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-03/documents/december_13-16_2016_final_report_03162017.pdf.

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Great, thanks, will check in with you tomorrow.

best, Michael

On Wed, Aug 1, 2018 at 2:07 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Michael. Things are a bit hectic at the moment, to be honest, but feel free to ping me first thing tomorrow AM to see where things stand. I'm pretty sure we should be able to locate this for you.

Cheers, R.

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Hi Robert,

Thanks for getting back so quickly, much appreciated.

I'm not on an immediate deadline, but if it was possible to get hold of the document this week that would be great.

best, Michael

On Wed, Aug 1, 2018 at 1:57 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Michael (if I may and please, call me Robert), and thanks for reaching out.

Let me look into this for you. Are you on deadline?

Cheers, R.

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Dear Mr. Daguillard,

I am a reporter for Undark, the online magazine published by MIT's Knight Science Journalism Program.

I am seeking the document referred to in this release:

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/scientific-advisory-panel-report-glyphosate-available>

Although I was able to find the transcript of the meeting held Dec 13-16, 2016 online, I am unable to locate the actual SAP Final Report (dated March 16, 2017) on any of the Web sites listed on your release. Could you provide me with the pdf or direct me to the correct link?

many thanks

Michael Balter

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