2,4-D -- Request for Comments on NRDC Petition

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Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 7:21 AM
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Subject: FW: 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid (2,4-D), a Herbicide - EPA is seeking comments on a petition Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), requesting that EPA revoke all tolerances and cancel all registrations for 2,4-D.

You may want to send this out to those interested in weed management.

Happy New Year!

Harold

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Best regards,

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2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid (2,4-D), a Herbicide - EPA is seeking comments on a petition Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), requesting that EPA revoke all tolerances and cancel all registrations for 2,4-D.
Organization: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Summary: The petitioner, NRDC, claims that EPA cannot make a finding that there is a reasonable certainty of no harm from dietary residues of 2,4-D and, therefore, that the Agency must revoke all tolerances established under section 408 of FFDCA, as amended by FQPA.
As a part of the petition, NRDC claims that the Agency did not consider the full spectrum of potential human health effects associated with 2,4-D in connection with EPA's reassessment of the existing 2,4-D tolerances, and EPA's
environmental risk assessment including:
1. Information on the endocrine disrupting effects of 2,4-D.
2. Information on the neurotoxicity related to 2,4-D exposure.
3. Information that products containing 2,4-D are mutagenic.
4. Data showing that dermal absorption of 2,4-D is enhanced by alcohol consumption, sunscreen, and DEET which the EPA's exposure assessment failed to include.
5. Information about adverse developmental effects at doses below those included in EPA's risk assessment for exposure of infants to 2,4-D in breast milk.

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Comments Due By: February 23, 2009


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