

Copper Use in Hawaii -- Information Request about Bananas

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Hello Mr. Kawate,

My name is Susan Anderson. I am a consultant with Versar, Inc., working with EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs. I left a voice message on your answering machine and I believe I left you the wrong phone number. I thought it might be best to send you my questions in written form. We are reviewing the comments you sent to EPA in October regarding the Coppers Reregistration Eligibility Decision document. We have a few specific questions.

1. Is there a specific reason why growers would have to use the copper species active ingredient that carries a 48 hour REI? Could they potentially use a less toxic copper species that carries a 12 or 24 hour REI requiring minimal early entry PPE plus protective eyewear?
2. Is the bagging of the banana bunch performed immediately after the application of pesticide? Would it be correct to say that this is a necessary part of the application process, thereby classifying it as part of the applicators task?

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