
Prodiamine Information Request -- California and Arizona Response

On Aug 26, 2011, at 3:49 PM, Rick Melnicoe wrote:

Hi Harold,

The following information corroborates what I found in CA. We will let you know if we find out anything else.

AI -- Thanks for your sleuthing.

Rick

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From: [Al Fournier](#)

Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 3:39 PM

To: Rick Melnicoe

Cc: Gary Christian

Subject: Re: Information request for prodiamine

Rick,

I am sorry for my delayed response on this. It took a good bit of research and I was out on sick leave a few days this week (nothing serious).

I spoke with Gary Christian at Arizona Department of Agriculture. I learned that in Arizona the original SLN from 2005 was renewed in 2008. This was due to a registration transfer and product name change from Riverdale Endurance Herbicide (228-398) to ProCclipse 65 WDG (228-434). Gary provided documentation from the original SLN request that indicated this product was needed to provide good preemergent control of certain grassy weeds that were not well controlled by Diuron.

However, it was very difficult to document any use of this product in Arizona under the SLN registration. These type of applications would not normally be reported to ADA since they are not custom applications, so we have no data in our pesticide use database. It came down to calling PCAs and irrigation district managers around the state. I reached knowledgeable people from most regions of the state with notable exceptions of the Central Arizona Project (Phoenix region) and Salt River Project (North and West of Phoenix). I will keep trying to reach these folks but did not want to delay my response to you longer.

As far as I learned, no one is using prodiamine in or around irrigation ditches in Arizona. In the Wellton Mohawk Irrigation district (Yuma region) they use no aquatic herbicides and have had great success using grass carp to control aquatic weeds. One reason they don't use herbicides is that they are too expensive based on the amount of product they would need to use. In the LaPaz county region, unpaved ditches are disced to provide weed control between irrigations and no herbicides are used. On the Gila River and Ak Chin Indian Reservations south of Phoenix, nearly all ditches are concrete. Some herbicide is used on ditchbanks for weed control, but the PCA was completely unfamiliar with prodiamine and was not even aware of this option.

Still could hear something different from SRP or CAP contacts, but for now, my best answer is it appears this is not being used.

AI

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