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Docket Number: EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0572-0036 Ethofumesate and Thiophanate-methyl and carbendazim Andrew Muench, muench.andrew@epa.gov, 703-347-8263 (Ethofumesate, Case 2265) Alexandra Feitel, feitel.alexandra@epa.gov, 703-347-8631 (Thiophanate-methyl, Case 2680)

The following comments are being submitted in response to the Federal Register notice announcing the availability of and seeking public comments. These comments are being submitted on behalf of the Western Integrated Pest Management Center.

Ethofusemate is a broad spectrum herbicide for broadleafs and grases, with only reported use in turf grass on golf courses in Hawaii. Ethofusemate may also control hard to remove weeds in Hawaii such as purple and yellow nutsedge, when roundup is not considered. Application rates depend on soil type, irrigation, weather, environmental conditions and density of unwanted weeds.

Thiophanate-methyl and carbendazim are systemic fungicides, Thiophanate-methyl also known as TM 4.5 Flowable with moderate to low use in Hawaii in production nurseries, greenhouses and turfgrass. Its use in ornamentals, such as hibiscus and sugar cane cuttings for prevention and elimination of anthracnose, black spot, brown spot, leaf spots and blights, powdery mildews and rusts. Typical applications include spot treatment, dipping, drench, chemigation or foliar.

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