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Dr. L. Vernon White  
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Subject: Methyl Bromide Registration Standard  
Administrative Review of Inorganic  
Bromide Tolerances  
Your Letter of February 9, 1989

Dear Dr. White:

EPA has determined that because of its long history in use as a human drug, its existing toxicological data base and its environmental ubiquity, inorganic bromide is not of toxicological concern. Accordingly, EPA has no objection to the replacement of existing inorganic bromide tolerances with tolerances for residues of methyl bromide per se when the data necessary to support such tolerances have been developed.

Since toxicology and residue chemistry data are currently being developed which would support tolerances for methyl bromide per se, additional residue data developed on inorganic bromide would not be necessary. Therefore, residue data to support existing inorganic bromide tolerances is waived.

Sincerely yours,

*Anne E. Lindsay*

Anne E. Lindsay, Director  
Registration Division