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OFFICE OF PESTICIDES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCE

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Metam Sodium, Requirement for Acute Neurotoxicity

Study (Hen Study)

TO:

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Data Call In

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Compound; metam Sodium

Registration #39003

Accession #N/A

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Registrant; Stauffer

Tox Project #7-0135

Action Requested

Registrant contends that "Guideline 81-7, Acute Delayed Neurotoxicity of Organophosphorous Substances, is not applicable to metam sodium. Metam Sodium is not an organophosphate compound and according to 40 CFR 158.135, such a study is not required."

Conclusion and Recommendation

The Registrant is correct, as the title states, this test is only for Organophosphate compounds. The test is "Not required unless test material is an organophosphate, or a metabolite or degradation product there of which causes acetyl cholinesterase depression or is structurally related to a substance which causes delayed neurotoxicity."

The Registrant should be notified that the study is not required.

