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OFFICE OF PREVENTION, PESTICIDES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Review of a Seed Treatment Leaching Study Protocol for Clothianidin (an

insecticide) (PC Code 044309; DP Barcode: D303910)

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ERB 5/EFED has completed the review of a seed treatment leaching study protocol submitted by the registrant for clothianidin. In order to provide the answers needed by EPA, the registrant must make the following modifications in the protocol:

- 1. Select a soil from the corn belt in the U.S.
- 2. The selected soil should have a light soil texture (such as a loamy sand) and a low soil organic matter (such as less than 1%);
- 3. The pattern of rainfall and amounts of rainfall should represent those for the region where the soil is selected:
- 3. Material balance should be monitored and reported throughout the study.

Should you or the registrant have any questions, please contact Larry Liu at (703)305-5372.



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