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Chevron Chemical Company
ORTHO Division
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Attention: Mr. J. N. Ospenson

Gentlemen:

Subject: ORTHENE 75-S Soluble Powder (Grapes)
EPA Temporary Permit No. 239-EXP-71G Extension
Pesticide Petition No. 5G1604 and
Food Additive Petition No. 5H5031

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 13, 1975, requesting an extension of time to answer our letter of July 22, 1975, regarding Pesticide Petition No. 5G1604 proposing a temporary tolerance for residues of the insecticide Acephate (O,S-dimethyl acetylphosphoramidethioate) in or on grapes at 4 parts per million and Food Additive Petition No. 5H5031 proposing the establishment of a tolerance for residues of the insecticide Acephate in or on raisins at 10 parts per million.

These petitions are being held in abeyance until December 19, 1975, as requested. At that time we will expect a full report in reply to our letter of July 22, 1975.

We have no objection to your conducting trials on your own Western Field Research Station at Fresno at the 1.5 lb. per acre rate. The experimental label does not have to include this 1.5 lb. rate. However, your proposed experimental program should point out that these tests are to be run and that grapes treated at this higher rate will be checked to ensure that they and any resulting raisins do not exceed the tolerances that may be established. If the grapes or raisins exceed the proposed tolerances than they will have to be destroyed or used for research purposes.

Your comments concerning paragraph 4 of our letter have been forwarded to the appropriate reviewer and a letter dealing with these comments will be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

Charles L. Smith
Special Registrations Officer
Registration Division (WH-567)

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