

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF SOLD WASTE AND EMEAGENCY RESPONSE

## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: PP#6F4762 New Chemical, Zeneca Agricult ral Products.

Azoxystrobin, Telephone Request for Information from Zeneca Agricultural Products. Chemical# 128810, DP

Barcodes: D234334. CBTS#: None. MRID#: None.

FROM: Linda L. Kutney, Chemist

Tolerance Petition Team II

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TO: Connie Welch and Kathryn Scanlon, PM Team 21

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and

Debbie McCall, Acting Section Head Risk Coordination and Analysis Branch Health Effects Division (7509C)

Michelle Shultz, of Zeneca Agricultural Products, submitted a telephone request on March 14, 1997, to me, to find out who would be reviewing their new chemical, Azoxystrobin, after the reorganization. I told her that reassignments had not been announced-yet, but that Zeneca's current request for tolerances on tomatoes, peaches, bananas and wheat, arrived back today, from EPA's contractor. I assured her that the Agency would honor our committment date for the current action, if at all possible.

Ms. Shultz also asked a more technical question, namely if a new soil use pattern was adopted for Azoxystrobin, as an in furrow or as a seed treatment, for new crops cotton, soybean, corn and wheat, would metabolism studies be necessary for all four crops, or which crops. After talking to two Senior Chemists, including Rick

Loranger, I advised her that the metabolism of corn OR wheat could be tested, in addition to soybeans. If metabolite products for those two crops were similar, additional metabolism study on cotton probably would NOT be required. I further recommended that she propose this course of action, in writing, to Cynthia Giles-Parker, the PM, for formal consideration.

Finally, I informed her that if she had additional questions, she may wish to call Jerry Stokes.

NOTE TO FUTURE REVIEWERS OF AZOXYSTROBIN: Michelle Shultz, of Zeneca, is at 302-239-1909, which is in Deleware.

cc: R.F.; Circ.; Azoxystrobin, Kutney, PP#6F4762, J. Bazuin