

## APPENDIX I

### Explanation of OPP Acceptability Criteria and Rejection Codes for ECOTOX Data

Studies located and coded into ECOTOX must meet acceptability criteria, as established in the *Interim Guidance of the Evaluation Criteria for Ecological Toxicity Data in the Open Literature, Phase I and II*, Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, July 16, 2004. Studies that do not meet these criteria are designated in the bibliography as “Accepted for ECOTOX but not OPP.” The intent of the acceptability criteria is to ensure data quality and verifiability. The criteria parallel criteria used in evaluating registrant-submitted studies. Specific criteria are listed below, along with the corresponding rejection code.

- The paper does not report toxicology information for a chemical of concern to OPP; (Rejection Code: NO COC)
- The article is not published in English language; (Rejection Code: NO FOREIGN)
- The study is not presented as a full article. Abstracts will not be considered; (Rejection Code: NO ABSTRACT)
- The paper is not publicly available document; (Rejection Code: NO NOT PUBLIC (typically not used, as any paper acquired from the ECOTOX holding or through the literature search is considered public))
- The paper is not the primary source of the data; (Rejection Code: NO REVIEW)
- The paper does not report that treatment(s) were compared to an acceptable control; (Rejection Code: NO CONTROL)
- The paper does not report an explicit duration of exposure; (Rejection Code: NO DURATION)
- The paper does not report a concurrent environmental chemical concentration/dose or application rate; (Rejection Code: NO CONC)
- The paper does not report the location of the study (e.g., laboratory vs. field); (Rejection Code: NO LOCATION)
- The paper does not report a biological effect on live, whole organisms; (Rejection Code: NO IN-VITRO)
- The paper does not report the species that was tested; and this species can be verified in a reliable source; (Rejection Code: NO SPECIES)
- The paper does not report effects associated with exposure to a single chemical. (Rejection Code: NO MIXTURE). It should be noted that all papers including data on pesticide mixtures are considered.

Additionally, efficacy studies on target species are excluded and coded as NO TARGET.

Data that originated from the OPP Pesticide Ecotoxicity Database is coded as NO EFED. These data are already available to the chemical team.