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Debra Rate, Team Leader (Team 9)
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U.S. EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (7505P)
Room S4900, One Potomac Yard
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RE: Recertification of Section 18 emergency exemption for use of spirotetramat (Movento) to control onion thrips infesting dry bulb onions in Washington

Dear Ms. Rate,

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) requests a specific exemption under the provisions of Section 18 of FIFRA for use of spirotetramat (Movento, EPA Reg. No. 264-1050, manufacturer by Bayer CropScience) to control onion thrips in dry bulb onions in Washington, and incorporates by reference all information submitted in the previous applications dated July 6, 2009 and January 5, 2010.

This is the 3rd year that this use has been requested.

Also in accordance with the regulations, WSDA and the Pacific Northwest Vegetable Association (PNVA) certify the following:

1. The emergency condition(s) described in the previously submitted emergency exemption application continues to exist.
2. All information submitted in the previously submitted emergency exemption application is still accurate.
3. The proposed conditions of use are identical to the conditions of use EPA approved previously for emergency File Symbol #**10-WA-02** (dated: May 5, 2010), except as expressly identified below:
 - The use period requested by industry is **May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011**.
4. We are not aware of any alternative chemical or nonchemical practice that may offer a meaningful level of pest control.
5. The following concludes our Emergency Use Report for spirotetramat (EPA File Symbol: 10-WA-02) applied to control onion thrips in dry bulb onions in Washington during 2010.

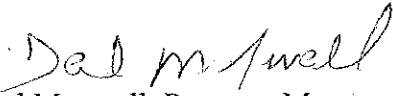


- Total number of acres treated in Washington under this emergency exemption: **11,600 treated acres.**
- Total amount of pesticide applied in Washington under this emergency exemption: **761.7 gallons (97,500 oz).**
- 7,900 planted acres treated with two applications @ 5 oz/application = 79,000 oz
3,700 planted acres treated once @ 5 oz = 18,500 oz
- To the best of our knowledge, no negative impacts to the environment or human health resulted from this use.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at (360) 902-2030 or Steve L. Foss at (360) 902-2049 or e-mail sfoss@agr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT DIVISION



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Attachments

1. Draft Section 18 label for use of Movento (EPA Reg. No. 264-1050)
2. Letter of support from Linda Aschbrenner, Bayer CropScience (dated February 4, 2011).
3. Letter of request from Tony Shepherd, President, PNVA (dated February 23, 2011) and 2010 efficacy data for use of Movento on onions.