



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
P.O. Box 42560 • Olympia, Washington 98504-2560 • (360) 902-1800

November 24, 2010

Dan Rosenblatt, Branch Chief
Risk Integration, Minor Use, and Emergency Response Branch
U.S. EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (7505P)
Document Processing Check (EMEX)
Room S4900, One Potomac Yard
2777 Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22202

RE: EPA SLN Reg. No. WA-100007

Enclosed is Washington Special Local Need (SLN) registration number WA-100007 issued to Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. for the use of Scholar® SC Fungicide (EPA Reg. No. 100-1242) for control of postharvest diseases (blue mold and gray mold) in apple, pear, oriental pear, and quince. This registration was issued under authority of Section 24(c) FIFRA.

This SLN will allow in-field single-bin non-recovery drenching of bins filled with pome fruit. Fruit will be treated prior to transportation to the packinghouse storage. Chang-Lin Xiao of Washington State University (509-663-8181) states that there are concerns about traditionally used recirculating drencher systems. They can potentially contaminate fruit by food-borne pathogens and also produce fungicide resistant strains. Post harvest decays caused by various fungal pathogens can be a limiting factor for storage of apples and pears if decays are left uncontrolled. A large portion of decays are initiated in the orchard near or during harvest. Applying fungicides to the fruit immediately or shortly after harvest is essential to the control of postharvest decays of pome fruits.

Scholar SC Fungicide is federally labeled for use on pome fruit as a drench or dip in the processing plant and allows two postharvest applications at a rate of 16 ounces per 100 gallons of water. This SLN will only allow applications at 4 ounces per 100 gallons of water. In order to protect the environment from runoff, a limit of 400 bins may be treated per acre (0.96 pounds of active ingredient per acre). Additionally, there is a restriction on the label that only allows two treatments in the same spot per season.

Efficacy, and residue data to support the use Scholar® SC Fungicide for control of for control of postharvest diseases (blue mold and gray mold) in apple, pear, oriental pear, and quince has been submitted. A tolerance is established on pome fruit in 40 CFR 180.51.

If you have any questions, please me at (360) 902-1972 or by email at wswheeler@agr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Wendy Sue Wheeler
Pesticide Registration Specialist, Registration Services

Enclosures – SLN Labeling
EPA federal SLN application form [EPA form 8570-25 (1-94)]

cc: Larry Zang, Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC – via e-mail
Chang-Lin Xiao, Washington State University – via e-mail
WSPRS, Washington State University – via e-mail
Dr. Doug Walsh, Washington State University – via e-mail
Rose Kachadoorian, Oregon Department of Agriculture – via e-mail
George Robinson, Idaho Department of Agriculture – via e-mail
Marco Guske, Yakama Nation – via e-mail

