



**US Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Pesticide Programs**

**Memorandum of Understanding Between  
EPA and the Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention**

**July 28, 2000**

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

and the

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL and PREVENTION

Whereas, the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), in the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) and the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are committed to the goals of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) by abiding by the provisions of the Act to develop and implement programs to improve and facilitate the safe and necessary use of methods to combat and control pests of public health concern.

Therefore, in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), EPA and CDC agree to establish a coordinated framework for collaborative efforts to implement the public health provisions of the FQPA.

### I PURPOSE

This document affirms the intent of the EPA and CDC to cooperate in the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. It specifies the process by which EPA and CDC will collaborate with respect to the implementation of the public health pesticides provisions of FQPA.

### II BACKGROUND

EPA is responsible for protecting human health and safeguarding the natural environment. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs regulates the sale, distribution and use of all pesticides in the United States and establishes maximum levels for pesticide residues in food, thereby safeguarding the nation's food supply.

CDC is responsible for promoting health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. CDC works closely with state and local health departments to monitor adverse health outcomes and provides advice and consultation on prevention and control of these outcomes.

FQPA amended the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act [FIFRA], 7 U.S.C. 136 et seq. thereby, with regards to public health pesticides by:

Defining responsibilities of EPA and CDC with respect to pesticides and food safety;

Recognizing the need for tested and effective minor use pesticide products which are widely used in public health programs to combat a variety of pests, i.e., seeking to preserve the continued availability of these beneficial products that could be canceled otherwise due to lack of support by their registrant;

Requiring EPA to consider the risks and benefits of public health pesticides separate from the risks and benefits of other pesticides; and,

Requiring consultation to identify critical public health minor uses that are in danger of being voluntarily canceled by the registrant due to the economics of maintaining that registration

### III SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT

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EPA is committed under FQPA to consider both the public health benefits as well as the risks to human health and the environment surrounding the use of pesticides including public health pesticides To implement the FQPA directives described under II Background of this document, EPA agrees to:

Designate an EPA liaison officer who will coordinate communications and roles within OPP, and who will act as the contact point in support of FQPA;

Schedule and hold monthly conference calls with CDC for the purpose of discussing a variety of matters of mutual concern and responsibility;

Seek the views of the CDC liaison officer before taking actions which may affect public health pesticides;

Identify what public health pesticides (as defined by (FQPA), currently registered and those for which registration is being sought, have public health use(s) or potential significant public health use(s);

Provide CDC with current information about the types of necessary data OPP already has, and the kind of data that OPP still needs to fill data gaps on public health pesticides;

Provide CDC with the appropriate information (including risk assessments) and consult with CDC prior to and during the reassessment of pesticides for which there are public health uses This will occur as early as practical in the current process so that CDC may provide the benefits and use information for that affected public health pesticide to EPA in a timely fashion.

Consult with and inform CDC of any potential risk mitigation measures necessary for any

public health uses prior to implementing them. This includes issuance of a notice of intent to cancel as well as any modifications which may affect the public health use

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CDC is vitally interested in helping to ensure the continued availability of public health pesticides that are safe and effective. These products are essential tools in the control of vectors and microbes of public health importance. CDC is also interested in promoting integrated pest management and other techniques to reduce risk from pesticides. To implement the FQPA directives described under II Background of this document, CDC agrees to the following, subject to the availability of resources:

Designate a liaison officer who will coordinate communications and roles among NCID and NCEH, and who will act as the contact point in support of FQPA;

Participate to the fullest extent practicable in FQPA-related stakeholder meetings and deliberative processes;

Identify critical public health pest control needs;

Provide timely response to OPP requests for assistance, the review of listings and proposals, scientific and technical information, control options (both chemical and nonchemical), and available benefits/use data and analysis; and,

Schedule and hold monthly conference calls with EPA for the purpose of discussing a variety of matters of mutual concern and responsibility.

#### IV PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

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#### LIAISON OFFICERS

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Liaison officers will establish and maintain a list of designated responsible persons within their respective organizations on matters related to this Memorandum of Understanding. These lists with current phone numbers and E-mail addresses will be exchanged by the liaison officers.

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VI. LIMITATIONS

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Nothing in this MOU shall be interpreted to require obligation of funds by either signatory in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. section 1341.

VII PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement becomes effective upon signature by both parties and will continue until terminated. It may be revised by mutual consent or revoked by either party upon a thirty-day advance written notice to the other party.

VIII ACCEPTANCE

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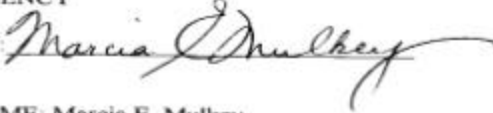
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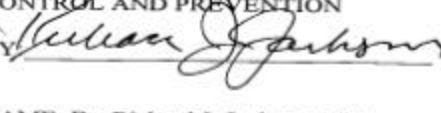
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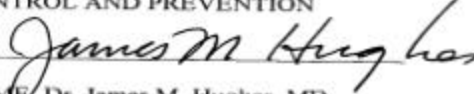
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