



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

Delivered via electronic mail

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Steven Bradbury
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U.S. EPA
2777 South Crystal Drive
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Dear Dr. Bradbury:

Attached is an issue paper requesting that the Agency conduct a classification review for pesticide products containing methomyl for those methomyl formulations that are not currently classified as a restricted use pesticide and to conduct this classification review as soon as possible in order to classify all methomyl formulations as restricted use under 40 CFR 152.170(a). This issue paper was developed by the SFIREG Pesticide Operation and Management Committee and adopted by the full SFIREG Committee at the December 2012 meeting. The topics and recommendations of the issue paper have been discussed with OPP staff during the development of the document. Additionally, a considerable amount of field data, use history, accident data, monitoring data, and other pertinent evidence was provided to OPP staff at the December meeting for consideration during this classification review.

This issue paper will be posted to the SFIREG website in the near future. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to the Agency's response to these recommendations.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support of SFIREG. The SFIREG members and I appreciate the effort you and your colleagues are making to improve pesticide regulation.

Sincerely,

ADAM H. PUTNAM
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. E. Dwinell".

Steven E. Dwinell, SFIREG Chair