Meeting with EPA (PRD and EFED) and Members of the Rodenticide Task Force

Meeting Date: 9/20/23 10:00—11:00AM ET

Location: WJC-E 1123 and Microsoft Teams Meeting

Participants:

Rodenticide Task Force (RTF)

- Katie Swift, Liphatech, Chair of Rodenticide Task Force (in-person)
- Kylli Paavola, Liphatech (in-person)
- Kristine Styer, Woodstream Corp. (virtual)
- Sue Valentine, Scimetrics, Ltd. (virtual)
- Susan Westra, Neogen Corp. (virtual)
- Carolyn Weintraub, Reckitt Benckiser, LLC (virtual)
- Jonathan Berger, BASF (virtual)
- April Vingum, Bell Labs (virtual)

EPA: Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (PRD)

- Elissa Reaves (in-person)
- Tim Kiely (virtual)
- Dana Friedman (in-person)
- Linda Arrington (in-person)
- Melissa Grable (virtual)

- Julie Javier (virtual)
- Steven Peterson (virtual)
- Anna Senninger (virtual)
- Kent Fothergill (virtual)
- Sue Bartow (virtual)

EPA: Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED)

- Jan Matuszko (virtual)
- Brian Anderson (virtual)
- Mark Corbin (in-person)
- Michael Lowit (in-person)
- Tamara Johnson (in-person)
- Bill Eckel (in-person)
- Kristin Jones (virtual)
- Jessica Joyce (virtual)
- Karen Milians (virtual)
- Rebecca Lazarus (virtual)
- Ethan Harwood (virtual)

Summary:

On September 20, 2023, representatives from PRD and EFED met with representatives from the Rodenticide Task Force (RTF) to discuss questions from the RTF on the ecological risk assessments and draft likelihood of jeopardy and adverse modification predictions. Specifically, EPA and RTF discussed questions regarding the incident data and EPA explained that incident data is one piece of the weight of evidence approach used when assessing risk to non-target taxa. The RTF also expressed interest in presenting their research regarding rodenticide monitoring data to both EPA and FWS. EPA plans to reach out to FWS to initiate discussions regarding this meeting following completion of the draft Biological Evaluation (BE) for the rodenticides. The Rodenticide Proposed Interim Decisions (PIDs) were released in November 2022, the draft BE is scheduled for November 2023, and the Interim Decisions (IDs) and final BE are scheduled for 2024.