

Meeting with EPA (PRD and EFED), the Rodenticide Task Force (RTF), and Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE) on the Rodenticides Biological Evaluation (BE)

Meeting Date: 9/25/2024 10:00—11:00 AM EST

Location: WJC-E 1213 and Microsoft Teams Meeting

Participants:

Representatives from the Rodenticide Task Force (RTF), Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE), and those presenting on their behalf

- Kristen Spatz, RISE (in-person)
- Stephanie Binns, BASF (in-person)
- Katie Swift, Liphatech, Chair of Rodenticide Task Force (virtual)
- Kylli Paavola, Liphatech (virtual)
- Susan Westra, Neogen (virtual)
- Jaime Rudd, California State University Stanislaus (virtual)
- Brian Cypher, Endangered Species Recovery Program (virtual)
- Roger Baldwin, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (virtual)
- Dwayne Moore, Stone Environmental (virtual)
- Scott Teed, Stone Environmental (virtual)

EPA: Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (PRD)

- Anne Overstreet (in-person)
- Dana Friedman (in-person)
- Anna Senninger (in-person)
- Melissa Grable (virtual)
- Matthew Khan (virtual)
- Kent Fothergill (virtual)
- Julie Javier (virtual)
- Linda Arrington (virtual)

EPA: Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED)

- Mark Corbin (in-person)
- William Eckel (in-person)
- Tamara Johnson (in-person)
- Stephen Muela (virtual)
- Rebecca Lazarus (virtual)
- Douglas Harwood (virtual)
- Karen Milians (virtual)
- John Menz (virtual)

Summary:

On September 25, 2024, representatives from PRD and EFED met with members of the RTF, RISE, and others who presented on behalf of the RTF, to discuss the ongoing review of the rodenticides. OPP extended the invitation to the RTF and others to allow for the stakeholders to present alternative mitigation proposals to avoid jeopardy and adverse modification to the listed species identified in the

draft BE. During the meeting, the presenters discussed key points these stakeholders submitted during the public comment period, including error correction and assumptions related to the draft BE. There were also presentations on specific listed species and the currently available data, and information on existing research and other technical considerations on the efficacy of mitigation measures. At the end of the discussion, the Agency summarized the information provided through the presentations, reiterated the importance of providing alternative mitigation recommendations, and the hard deadline of November 2024 for the final BE and Rodenticide Strategy. The Proposed Interim Decisions (PIDs) for the rodenticides were released in November 2022. The draft BE was released in November 2023, and the amended PIDs are scheduled for early 2025.