



November 17, 2021

Dear Chris

Thank you for the EPA's initial response to the questions in our letter of 14 October 2021. Thank you also for the final response received earlier this week.

This letter outlines some follow-up questions about the EPA's hydrogen cyanamide reassessment application, based on your initial response. The outcome of the reassessment could have a significant impact on the industry and our stakeholders so we want to make sure we fully understand the modelling scenarios underpinning the EPA's proposals and how the EPA arrived at the current conclusions.

Could you please provide us with answers to the following?

1. In response to Question 7 of our last letter, the EPA said shelter has been considered in relation to the non-target plant, non-target arthropod and soil risk assessment, and this is referred to as off-field vegetation sheltering. In Appendix B - the Science Memo, when off-field vegetation is referred to, it is described as "developing grass acting as potentially sheltering soil". Could you please confirm that the EPA is not referring to shelterbelts (i.e. that they are not presently accounted for), but rather shelter conveyed by this developing grass with regard to spray?
2. In response to Question 4 of our previous letter, the EPA advised us that the phrase describing data in Table 5 was quoted from information received from WorkSafe. Could you please provide us with details for the appropriate person at WorkSafe so we can contact them for more information?
3. Could you please provide more information on the timing of the acute risks to birds that the EPA has modelled? Specifically, we are seeking insight on how the modelled risk decreases over time/as each day goes by.

We need these answers to progress work on much of our submission so we would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience. We are particularly keen to have an answer to Question 3 above as soon as possible.

Please feel free to send the answers through as they come in instead of waiting to send them all at once. And don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any comments on the questions above.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Fox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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