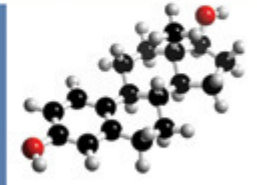


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Update on the Status of US EPA's Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program

September 17th, 2008, CAMBRIDGE, MA. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) announced this week that additional time is needed to complete the necessary steps before it can begin issuing test orders as part of their Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP) (http://www.epa.gov/endo/pubs/regaspects/082808_gas.htm). US EPA had originally planned to send out test orders for an initial list of 73 pesticide ingredients in August 2008, but now plans to issue these orders in early 2009. The original federal notices seeking public comment on the EDSP were issued on December 17th, 2007, and all supporting documents and public comments are available in US EPA's docket: [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2007-1080](#) and [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2007-1081](#).

The Agency concluded that additional time is needed to:

- Address matters related to the proposed Tier 1 battery of tests from EPA's independent expert review committee, the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel;
- Respond to a Request for Correction (RfC) on one of the assay validations, filed in July 2008 by the Center for Regulatory Effectiveness (CRE) under the Agency's Information Quality Guidelines (IQG);
- Respond to a petition to delay the EDSP orders received in July 2008 from Crop Life America;
- Address complex regulatory, policy, and scientific issues raised in public comments on the draft list of initial active and inert pesticide ingredients to be considered for screening and the draft policies and procedures for initial screening;
- Complete the interagency review packages for related documents.

After the interagency review of the EDSP packages (draft final list and draft final policy & procedures) by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), US EPA expects the Information Collection Request to be submitted for OMB review and approval.

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