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RE:  SLN Voluntary Cancellation
Bayer CropScience/Axiom® DF Herbicide (a.i. flufenacet and metribuzin)
EPA Reg. No. 264-766, EPA SLN No. OR-040017
Site:  Christmas trees (Douglas-fir and true firs)

Oregon Special Local Need registration EPA SLN No. OR-040017, issued under FIFRA Section 24(c), has been cancelled by the registrant.

The federal registration of this SLN was cancelled by EPA on February 6, 2013 (78 FR 8513, FRL-9377-1), due to non-payment of maintenance fees. According to Bayer CropScience, it was a conscious business decision to discontinue paying the fees and cancel the SLN Christmas tree use. Unfortunately, the company neglected to notify us directly at the time of cancellation, such that we could formally process the state cancellation in a timely manner. Because of staff changes in the state registration teams of both Bayer CropScience and Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), it has only recently come to our attention that this SLN is no longer supported by federal registration.

Note: ODA has received information to indicate that this special local need for weed control in Christmas trees still exists in Oregon, and that the registrant intends to apply for a new SLN registration for this use in the near future.

A copy of Bayer CropScience’s voluntary cancellation letter is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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