UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In re FIFRA Section 3(c)(2)(B) Notice of Intent to Suspend Dimethyl Tetrachloroterephthalate	
(DCPA) Technical Registration)
AMVAC Chemical Corporation;) Docket No. FIFRA-HQ-2022-0002
Grower-Shipper Association of Central)
California; J&D Produce; Ratto Bros., Inc.;)
and Huntington Farms,)
Petitioners.)
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JOINT STATUS REPORT CONCERNING EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS & EXHIBITS

Petitioner AMVAC Chemical Corporation ("AMVAC"), the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California; J&D Produce; Ratto Bros., Inc.; and Huntington Farms (the "Grower Petitioners,") and Respondent Office of Pesticide Programs ("OPP") (collectively, the "Parties") hereby provide the following status report concerning exhibits and expert qualifications.

First, the Parties stipulate to the qualifications of the individuals set forth below to provide expert testimony. Messrs. Gur, Smith, and Fennimore provide expert testimony in their verified written statements and may provide additional expert testimony on cross examination or in rebuttal; the remaining witnesses listed below may be called to provide expert testimony in rebuttal to testimony provided on cross examination by other witnesses. OPP does not waive its right to object to any expert testimony offered by Messrs. Smith and Fennimore concerning the relevance of such testimony to the statutory scope of the hearing.

• Christina Wendel (OPP Witness)

Based on the training set forth in the Background section of her statement and attached C.V., OPP may offer her testimony as an expert witness in the areas of (1) ecological risk assessment consistent with FIFRA including exposure to non-target organisms, and (2) evaluation of ecological effects studies including those conducted pursuant to OCSPP Guideline Series 850.

• Stephen Wente (OPP Witness)

Based on the training set forth in the Background section of his statement and attached C.V., OPP may offer his testimony as an expert witness in the areas of (1) ecological risk assessment consistent with FIFRA including the environmental fate of pesticide products, and (2) evaluation of environmental transformation studies including those conducted pursuant to OCSPP Guideline Series 835.

• Richard S. Freedlander (AMVAC Witness)

Based on the training and experience set forth in the Background and Curriculum Vitae section of his statement, AMVAC may offer his testimony as an expert witness in the areas of (1) ecological risk assessment consistent with FIFRA including exposure to non-target organisms and environmental fate of pesticide products, and (2) evaluation of ecological effects studies including those conducted pursuant to OCSPP Guideline Series 835 and 850.

• Ephraim Gur (AMVAC Witness)

Based on his training and experience as set forth in his verified written statement,

AMVAC offers his testimony as an expert witness in the areas of pesticide registration,
reregistration and registration review under FIFRA, including but not limited to the

following: (1) responding to data call-ins; (2) data development, including but not limited to involvement in analysis of data requirements, study design, protocol development, data generation, and interpretation of study results; and (3) interfacing with EPA and other regulatory agencies regarding all of the above.

• Richard Smith (Grower Petitioner Witness)

Based on the knowledge, training and experience set forth in his written testimony and CV, the Grower Petitioners offer Mr. Smith as an expert in weed science and vegetable crop production. Within these areas of expertise, Mr. Smith will address the uses of DCPA and the critical role it plays in the production of certain crops including brassicas and onions. With respect to these crops, he also will address weed control challenges, the lack of alternative preemergent herbicides, and the impact on yields if DCPA is not available.

• Stephen A. Fennimore (Grower Petitioner Witness)

Based on the knowledge, training and experience set forth in his written testimony and CV, the Grower Petitioners offer Dr. Fennimore as an expert in weed science and ecophysiology, integrated strategies for weed management in vegetable crops, and the availability and efficacy of weed management tools in vegetable crops. Within these areas of expertise, Dr. Fennimore will address the critical role of DCPA in controlling weeds in onions and brassica crops, the importance of these crops to cropping systems, the lack of direct substitutes for DCPA, and the impact the loss of DCPA would have on yields and production costs of crops for which it is a critical crop protection tool.

Second, AMVAC stipulates that in a Verified Written Witness Statement dated June 17, 2022, AMVAC's Director of Regulatory Compliance Julie Porter stated that, in the document dated June 27, 2016, designated in the record as JX 74, "EPA was clear that the DCI requirement for the 28-day leptocheirus study [Special Study 1072] was not being waived." AMVAC is not otherwise offering Ms. Porter's June 17, 2022 statement into evidence in this matter. Based on this stipulation, OPP waives any right it may have had to cross examine Ms. Porter concerning her prior statement.

<u>Third</u>, the Parties have conferred and jointly request the admission of the following exhibits into evidence, subject to objections as noted below:

- JX 93: DCPA Reregistration Eligibility Decision ("RED") (Nov. 1998) (no objections)
- PAX 79: Data Evaluation Report on the Acute Toxicity of Dacthal Technical to Algae
 (September 28, 2016) (no objections)
- PAX 80: Risks of DCPA Use to Federally Threatened California Red-Legged Frog
 (February 19, 2009) (no objections)
- PAX 81: Fate, Transport, and Transformation Test Guidelines 835.4300 and 835.4400 (no objections)
- PAX 82: Fate, Transport, and Transformation Test Guidelines 835.4100 and 835.4200 (no objections)
- RX 15: EPA Best Practices for Internal/External Correspondence document (July 1, 2020) (OPP objects to relevance)
- RX 25: Verified Statement of Christina Wendel (June 17, 2022) (no objections)
- RX 26: Verified Statement of Stephen Wente (June 17, 2022) (no objections)

Fourth, at the hearing the Presiding Officer designated Dkt. 47 in this matter, the January 6, 2023, Joint Stipulated Facts submittal, as Court Exhibit ("CE") 1. The Parties jointly request that the Court designate the following additional CEs:

- Dkt. 44 (December 23, 2022, Joint Stipulations and Status Report) as CE 2;
- Dkt. 53 (January 18, 2023, Status Report) as CE 3; and
- this filing as CE 4.

The attached **Exhibit A** to this filing shows the status of the various exhibits based on the Parties' review of their records. In Exhibit A, "---" prior to an Exhibit number indicates that the Parties' records reflect that the Exhibit was not indicated as having been entered by the Presiding Officer when reviewing the status of exhibits at the hearing on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. Exhibits that the Parties have requested be entered in this filing are shown with JX/PAX/RX/PGX (as opposed to "---") in Exhibit A even if they were not indicated as having been entered by the Presiding Officer at the hearing.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 31, 2023

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Joint Status Report Concerning Expert Qualifications &

Exhibits, was sent on January 31, 2023, to the following parties in the manner indicated below.

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Dated January 31, 2023