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;)
Grower-Shipper Association of Central)
California; Sunheaven Farms, LLC; J&D)
Produce; Ratto Bros., Inc.; and Huntington)
Farms,)
Petitioners.)

Docket No. FIFRA-HQ-2022-0002

JOINT MOTION FOR WITNESS APPEARANCE BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 164.60, the parties, Respondent, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or the "Agency"), Petitioner AMVAC Chemical Corporation ("AMVAC"), and Petitioners Grower-Shipper Association of Central California; Sunheaven Farms, LLC; J&D Produce; Ratto Bros., Inc.; and Huntington Farms ("Grower Petitioners"), have conferred and hereby jointly move for accommodation to allow some or all of the sixteen (16) witnesses who provided verified written witness statements in this matter on June 17, 2022, pursuant to the June 3, 2022, Order Scheduling Hearing entered in this matter, to appear via videoconference during the hearing scheduled for July 6, 7, and 8, 2022.

The parties request that, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, these witnesses should be allowed to appear through videoconferencing technology. Such accommodation is specifically addressed in the Office of Administrative Law Judges ("OALJ") Practice Manual, posted on the OALJ's website.¹ The parties agree that having these witnesses available via videoconferencing technology only will be satisfactory to the parties.

The parties intend to reserve their right to have some or all of these witnesses appear in person instead of by videoconference. The parties propose to notify OALJ by Wednesday, June 29, 2022, which of these witnesses will appear in person instead of by videoconference. This motion is not intended to in any way limit the scope of evidence that any party may offer in rebuttal, by calling witnesses in person at the hearing or otherwise.

The parties have conferred concerning a preferred videoconference platform. The parties first preference for a videoconference platform is Zoom. The parties have confirmed that Zoom is a feasible videoconference technology for all sixteen witnesses who provided verified written statements. The parties are available to confer with OALJ regarding other platforms if Zoom is not well suited for use in the OALJ courtroom.

Each party will take steps to ensure that each witness that provided direct testimony in support of its position is available for cross-examination by any other party. Each witness shall be available for cross-examination during a period mutually-agreeable to all parties, or during the entirety of the scheduled hearing, as appropriate.

WHEREFORE, the parties jointly move that some or all of the witnesses who provided verified written witness statements in this matter be allowed to appear via videoconference during the scheduled hearing.

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¹ OALJ Practice Manual at 27-28 (July 2011), *available at* <u>https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2013-09/documents/alj-practice-manual_0.pdf</u>.

Dated: June 23, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Joint Motion for Witness Appearance by

Videoconference, dated June 23, 2022, were sent this day to the following parties in the manner

indicated below.

<u>/s/ Hume M. Ross</u> Hume M. Ross

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