

OW questions on draft report; email from Eric Burneson to Resha Putzrath, 08/13/2008
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- (page 2 line 11-13) (Also pg. 9 Line 21-23 and pg. 16 Line 43-44) The Committee recommends that “EPA should evaluate whether pesticides that were about to be cancelled completely should be on the list for additional SDWA regulation.” ***Could you please clarify what you mean by “pesticides that were about to be cancelled completely”?***
- (pg. 15 Line 41-42) he report states, “In general, given the small numbers of pathogens, greater details from the data sets could be used as well as endemic disease rates.” ***If there is a particular source of information on endemic disease rates that the committee has in mind here we think that it would be beneficial for you to identify it or to list it as an example. We are aware of estimates of foodborne illness by the CDC (Paul Mead through the National Center for Infectious Diseases) There is also a database kept by CDC on the total cases of ‘notifiable diseases’ (e.g., Summary of Notifiable Diseases, 2006).***
- (pg. 17 line 1-4) the report states that, “The absence of data on the occurrence of pharmaceuticals in surface waters was also noted, and it was thought that use of the data from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) or any of the numerous studies in the peer-reviewed literature would have included these chemicals.” ***Please note that EPA used occurrence information from the USGS Toxics Substances Hydrology program’s National Reconnaissance of Emerging Contaminants (NREC) and other sources in the CCL 3 process. The NREC database included ambient water concentration data for pharmaceuticals and personal care products (i.e., includes many of the PPCPs reported in Kolpin et al. 2002). (Occurrence information for pharmaceuticals used in the CCL 3 process is outlined in the CCL 3 FR Notice pg. 9652 (section IV A. Pharmaceuticals)). Perhaps the committee is referring to more recent publications or USGS studies.***
- (pg. 17 Line 23-25) In the section of the Report titled “The Future: Emerging Issues and Data Needs” the Committee states, “There are also some clear categories of contaminants that need special attention. These may be on the PCCL or in the universe. These include ...algal toxins.” Cyanotoxins are included on the Draft CCL 3 (These include Anatoxin-a, Microcystin-LR, and Cylindrospermopsin). ***Could you please elaborate on what you think needs to be done in the future with regard to algal toxins?***