



COMMISSIONER DETERMINATION

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Concludes Atrazine Special Registration Review

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and partners at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) have reviewed comments received on the atrazine special registration review summary and technical assessments. The MDA is now concluding the review.

On January 19, 2010, the MDA issued a *Notice of Comment Period* in the State Register regarding the completion of a special state registration review of the herbicide atrazine. The MDA made available a summary of the review along with five agency-specific technical assessments for public comment. The MDA accepted comments on the atrazine registration review documents from January 19, 2010 through March 19, 2010. The MDA received stakeholder comments from citizens, a watershed district, environmental organizations, and industry. The majority of comments received referred to specific aspects of the human health review. Stakeholder comments and agency responses are available at <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/chemicals/pesticides/atrazine/atrazinereview.aspx>.

The MDA will continue in its efforts to prevent, evaluate and mitigate atrazine impacts in Minnesota as described in the registration review. The MDA finds that no specific additional actions beyond those recommended in the special registration review summary document are necessary based on comments received and ongoing agency evaluations. Elements of atrazine registration and regulation may need revision if emerging science or EPA evaluations reach new conclusions about human health and environmental impacts of atrazine and its benefits to farmers. The MDA has begun implementation of the *Opportunities for Action* identified in the review summary.

The MDA hereby concludes the Minnesota special registration review of atrazine.

Signed,

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November 18, 2010

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Date