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On March 20th, 2012 the EPA received a petition, filed by several non-governmental organizations and bee keepers, to immediately suspend Clothianidin and to take other actions affecting its registration. On July 19th, 2012, the EPA announced their decision to deny the suspension request, and invited the public to comment on the petition, including their decision. The National Potato Council (NPC) responded to the EPA's actions via the attached letter.

We're providing you with this information so that you can provide comments to EPA should you desire to. So far, most of the 500 comments have urged EPA to suspend the registration of Clothianidin and related neonicotinoid pesticides. However, as pointed out in the NPC letter, EPA is following a science based review process in order to make its decision.

If you use Clothianidin or a related product and would like to comment on this proceeding, do this:

- To access the docket where comments are filed, connect via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> Enter in the following Docket ID number: EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0344, then follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- Your comments will be more relevant to the agency if based on your personal experiences and observations. It is also important to express support for a science based evaluation to be used in making these decisions.
- Your comments have to be posted to the docket or mailed to the EPA by September 25, 2012 in order to be considered.

Thank you for reviewing this and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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