

All The News That's Fit To Misrepresent

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Public Relations and Information

- >7,000 e-mail/telephone consults per year
- 118 radio and print media interviews
- 13 satellite TV interviews
- Morning Show with Mike and Juliet
- The Today Show with Matt Lauer
- >150 million media impressions



EU Directive 91/414

- Regulates plant chemicals
- Amendments to institute hazard-based registration
 - Probabilities to possibilities
 - Stricter measures reduce profitability as markets shrink
- Global Harmonization of labels
- World Health Assembly Resolution 50.13



Altman vs Amherst

- Amherst prevails Western District NY
- Rule being considered by 6th Circuit



Endangered Species — Proposed Rule

- 15 August, Interagency Cooperation Under ESA Proposed Rule
- Reduces impact of ESA regulations/litigation
- Amends definitions
 - "Biological Assessment "
 - "Cumulative effects"
 - Expanded "no effects"
 - "effects of the action"
 - "reasonably certain" vs "reasonably forseeable"



Endangered Species – Proposed Rule

"We are not being good stewards of our resources when we pursue consultation in situations where the potential effects to a species are either unlikely, incapable of being meaningfully evaluated, wholly beneficial, or pose only a remote risk of causing jeopardy to the species or its habitat."

Dale Hall, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.



Endangered Species – Proposed Rule

- Shifts effects determinations to other agencies with resources
 - Office of Pesticide Programs
 - FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel
 - EPA Office of Research & Development
- USFWS/NMFS endorsed EPA 2004 ecological risk assessment
- Timeline 60 days



Endangered Species Act Pacific Salmon & Steelhead

- 31 July 2008 NMFS biological opinion on malathion, chlorpyriphos and diazinon
- EPA Comments BO lacked transparency
 - Based upon uses no longer labeled
 - Based upon misuses
 - Based upon unrealistic assumptions



USFWS Mosquito Control Policy

- May not be published prior to new administration
- Status quo until new policy published
- NEPA documents evaluating the mandated "Mosquito Management Plans" (MMP) will require time and collaboration. USFWS recognizes that input from districts will be needed to draft refuge-specific MMP's



USFWS Mosquito Control Policy

- Mosquito bites are health threat if determined by local health agency
 - FIFRA definition
- Spray Threshold Criteria numbers + pathogen presence
- Choice of chemicals nontarget impacts/efficacy/cost
 - Florida statutory mandate to control nuisance mosquitoes
 - New policy states no adverse economic effects
 - Florida contends that control will not affect nontargets