

US EPA Perspective on Pesticide Drift

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EPA Interest and Role

- Drift results in impacts, is an enforcement issue for co-regulators, is a lever in litigation, and has long been a focus of stakeholders
- EPA regulates drift primarily under FIFRA
 - Through registration actions – risk assessment
 - Secondary role regarding use - label
- Consider regulation one of three approaches, relying also on education and technology

Current Efforts

- NPDES rulemaking
 - exempts certain applications from NPDES
 - does not pertain to drift
- PPDC workgroup
 - Triggered by NPDES rulemaking
 - Focus on labeling

Current Efforts

- Drift Reduction Technology
 - OPP – ORD sponsored
 - Panel of experts
 - Test protocol
 - Evaluation of technologies for drift reduction
 - Promote adoption of low-drift technologies
 - Education
 - Regulatory incentives
 - Timeline – DRT labels in 2008?