

Policy to Mitigate the Acute Risk to Bees from Pesticide Products:

What's Important for AMCA Members

On January 12th, US EPA released its final version of its Policy to Mitigate the Acute Risk to Bees from Pesticide Products. The initial draft was released in May 2015 and EPA considered some 113,000 public comments and the economic impact analysis in preparing the final policy. The policy focuses on adding label language to agricultural pesticides applied to crops serviced by commercial pollinators during flower bloom and does not specifically address non-agricultural uses of pesticides (eg lawn and landscape, structural and general pest control). Pesticide applications for vector control and public and animal health are recognized and given specific exemptions for applications that may occur to blooming crops serviced by commercial pollinators. This policy is "voluntary" and does not require changes to current pesticide product registrations; however, the recommended label changes may be adopted for new registrations, registration review and label amendments dependent on future EPA actions.

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