

Dear Sirs,

I object to the EPA's approval of Dow's petition for new fluoride tolerances on food.

Why has the EPA approved these tolerances, without replying to the detailed formal objections submitted in March 2004 by Beyond Pesticides and the Fluoride Action Network?

Why has the EPA raised several of the tolerances fantastically above even Dow's already-fantastic proposed levels?

Why has the EPA approved an "acceptable dosage" for infants that is five times higher than for adults?

Other developed countries have replaced methyl bromide with nontoxic fumigation methods such as steam and carbon dioxide. Why can't the US?

Why is phasing out methyl bromide being used as the reason to approve use of sulfuryl fluoride -- while methyl bromide (another Dow product) is exempted from the phaseout? (-- under the Final Rule of Dec 23, 2004, <http://www.epa.gov/EPA-AIR/2004/December/Day-23/a27905.htm> ).

Please identify the food commodities that sulfuryl fluoride has been used on since the Final Rule was published.

Please list the name of every state that approved its use.

Please clearly identify each of the commodities approved in the sulfuryl fluoride Final Rule of January 23, 2004, and those petitioned by Dow, that are permitted for use in Organic Agriculture.

Please give specific examples of "Other Processed Food."

This situation represents a blatant reversal of the EPA's mandated work. Please safeguard the environment and the people -- not megacorporate pocketbooks!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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