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Dear Jackie,

Representatives of banana growers who are potential users of ethoprop were contacted with the latest information regarding the use of backpack spreaders for the granular formulation of ethoprop.

One issue remains to be addressed. That is whether the opening to the "tank" on the backpack applicator can be adapted to accept the Lock 'n Load engineering controls of the current 15G container. If we assume that this can be done, the backpack granular application method is much more desired and practical than the methods that will be allowed for the EC. Our growers would be able to accept cancellation of the EC formulation for use on bananas.

Please contact us if you have further questions. We appreciate the opportunity for our growers to provide input to EPA's decision process regarding ethoprop and would also appreciate notification of any further decisions regarding ethoprop.

Sincerely,



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