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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Authorization to extend the public comment period by 30 days for the Proposed Interim Decision for Mancozeb

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This memorandum authorizes a 30-day extension of the comment period on the proposed interim decision (PID) for mancozeb, which is currently available for public comment in the registration review docket for this case. The documents are accessible at <https://www.regulations.gov>; the docket ID number is EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0291.

On July 16, 2024, a Federal Register Notice was published announcing the availability and opening of a 60-day public comment period on the PID for mancozeb as part of the registration review process required under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. The deadline for submitting comments on these documents was announced as September 16, 2024, which was 60 days from the date that the Federal Register Notice published.

Between August 2 and September 2, EPA received ten requests to extend the public comment period. Most requests asked for an additional 60-90 days. Requesters cited a variety of reasons for needing an extension, including the time-consuming nature of developing comprehensive responses to a complex PID and supporting documents, which requires coordination with growers and their representatives; the volume of registration review documents for other cases that are competing for requesters' time; the extensive amount of stakeholder engagement needed to develop responses to EPA seed treatment questions and the time required to carry this out; the timing of comment period coinciding with the harvest of many affected crops, which limits opportunity to solicit grower and advisor feedback; and the need to develop detailed information to inform EPA's decision making process.

After consideration of the request, EPA is extending the comment period for the mancozeb draft risk assessments by 30 days. The original closing date was September 16, 2024. The new closing

date is October 16, 2024. The mancozeb case, docket number, and contact information are listed below.

Registration Review Case Name and Number	Docket ID Number	Chemical Review Manager and Contact Information
Mancozeb Case 0643	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0291	Ben Tweed Tweed.Benjamin@epa.gov 202-566-2274

Commenters should identify the docket ID for mancozeb and submit the comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information or other information for which disclosure is restricted by statute. Please be aware that the Agency is currently not accepting paper submissions because of COVID-19.

Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket are available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.