

Stewardship program essential for new GM herbicide-resistant crops to be effective

On June 30 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) closed a 60-day comment period on its proposed decision to register Enlist Duo herbicide for Dow AgroSciences. It is a proprietary blend of a new 2,4-D choline and glyphosate. EPA received more than 25,000 comments on its proposed decision.

EPA has a responsibility to protect the health and safety of the citizens while allowing farmers to use safe, cost-effective herbicides. Leaning toward one side or the other of that dual mandate will result in the agency not approving a safe, effective herbicide or putting people and the environment at risk. The regulators are partners in operations at the farm level whether they want to be or not and cannot move too far away too quickly from well established farming practice. Not having a regulatory response to glyphosate-resistant weeds is not an option.

Dow is recommending a preemergent soil-applied residual herbicide for early season residual control of weeds before the Enlist Duo is applied. This is part of the company's Enlist Ahead management resource that helps farmers and commercial applicators effectively use the Enlist Weed Control System.

Stewardship programs will become much more important as companies seek to extend the life of products and avoid weed resistance issues. The Enlist Ahead management resource will be central to that effort.

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