Delayed by IARC designation, EPA glyphosate reassessment punted to next administration

For anyone who thought EPA's glyphosate risk assessment would arrive sometime soon, think again. The new target is for the draft assessment to arrive in the spring ... as in, at the beginning of the next administration. ...EPA is more than two years late in proposing risk levels that will serve as the basis for whether officials decide to keep the controversial herbicide on the market...

"Best-case scenario, you are looking at April 2017," a former EPA official said of the timing for the draft risk assessment's release. But, if the Senate or the next administration stalls in getting new EPA leadership approved, it could take even longer...

In large part, the International Agency for Research on Cancer is to blame for the wait. The organization's March 2015 report that found glyphosate to be a probable carcinogen has been dogging the regulatory efforts of policymakers around the world who have long said that glyphosate is safe in its approved uses. The report didn't look at approved uses or exposure levels, but rather just if it's possible for the chemical to cause cancer...

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