

## Is EPA's registration review of glyphosate being delayed for political reasons?

The Environmental Protection Agency appears to be punting a final decision on the safety of a controversial weedkiller into the next administration.

Since 2009, the agency has been conducting a registration review of glyphosate – one of the world most widely-used herbicides – and its risk to human and environmental health, an assessment required every 15 years.

The lengthy process has been fraught with delays, accusations of political maneuvering and even Congressional investigations.

Under questioning by the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee in June, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy assured lawmakers the review would be finished this fall. But in their latest stall tactic – despite two internal reports concluding glyphosate does not cause cancer – the EPA postponed the meeting of a Scientific Advisory Panel [in mid-October] to yet again evaluate its carcinogenicity. In a statement, the agency said “due to changes in the availability of experts for the peer review panel...the meeting on glyphosate is being postponed to later in 2016.”

House Science Committee Chairman Lamar Smith ... said “The unwillingness of the agency to move forward with this analysis may be an attempt to pack the panel with individuals who have a pre-determined agenda or bias not based in sound science.”

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