

EPA panel begins evaluation of carcinogenicity of glyphosate

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding four days of meetings, beginning December 13, aimed at examining the evidence that does or does not tie the world's most widely used herbicide — glyphosate — to cancer.

Scientists, activists and agricultural industry leaders are all expected to show up to either defend or attack the chemical that is currently at the center of international controversy. ...[T]he agency is girding for more than 10 hours of personally delivered public comments before a specially appointed scientific advisory panel gets down to work.

The panel assignment: To offer advice on how the EPA should evaluate and interpret relevant data and how it all should translate into a EPA “carcinogen risk” classification for glyphosate.

Editor's note: The EPA issued a report in September 2016 after a two year review concluding that glyphosate is 'unlikely to cause cancer.' The independent panel also found no links between glyphosate and a myriad of other disorders that critics claim are caused by exposure to the herbicide.

- [Here](#) is a link to an NPR story on the EPA study
- [Here](#) is a link to the EPA study
- [Here](#) is a link to the GLP FAQ on glyphosate safety

The exercise is academic by design, but powerful economic forces are hard at work hoping to influence the outcome. Glyphosate is ... the chief ingredient in Monsanto Co.'s branded Roundup herbicide as well as in hundreds of other herbicides sold around the world. It's also the lynchpin to Monsanto's top-selling, glyphosate-tolerant, genetically engineered crops.

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