EPA moves to streamline process for evaluating pesticide impacts on endangered species

[June 6] U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler hosted [a panel of federal regulators] to discuss improving the Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation process for pesticides.

"The Trump Administration is committed to carrying out the important responsibilities of the Endangered Species Act to protect and promote the recovery of species while recognizing that pesticides are a critical tool for protecting public health, supporting our farmers, and ensuring an abundant food supply," said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler.

"The goal of our Working Group is a streamlined ESA consultation process that is protective of species, timely for pesticide registration review decisions, and transparent to the public."

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As part of this effort, in May 2019, EPA released for public comment proposed revised methods for evaluating pesticide risks to endangered species at the national level EPA is seeking <u>feedback</u> from stakeholders on this issue and will hold a public meeting on Monday, June 10.

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