## Farmers, anti-glyphosate activists lobby EPA as agency mulls herbicide's future in US

Pro- and anti-glyphosate companies and organizations lined up to praise — or bash — the active ingredient in the most widely applied herbicide in the world, in comments submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency [the first week of September.]

The subject was a Proposed Interim Decision (PID) issued by EPA in May, a critical step in the multiyear process to re-register the herbicide.

In general, defenders of the product, used in Roundup, Ranger Pro and other formulations, stressed the chemical's value to growers and findings by regulatory bodies around the world that "continue to support the safety of glyphosate-based products when used as directed and that glyphosate is not carcinogenic," as Ty Vaughn, global regulatory lead for Bayer, said in comments submitted to EPA.

Detractors, however, pointed to analyses, conducted since EPA issued its last carcinogenicity study in December 2017, identifying cancer risks associated with exposure to glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicide products.

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