

EPA re-approves controversial weed killer atrazine, arguing benefits outweigh potential ecological risks

Atrazine is widely used in agriculture across a range of crops, primarily corn but also sugarcane and sorghum, as well as a smaller amount of use in landscape care.

As part of its routine re-registration review of atrazine, EPA has been releasing draft ecological and human health [risk assessments](#) in the past few years for public comment. Now the agency has published its proposed interim registration decision on atrazine and two related chemicals, propazine and simazine. The decision would re-register atrazine for continued use, albeit with some new rules

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“Although there are potential risks of concern associated with the use of atrazine, with the adoption of the mitigation measures ... any remaining potential worker and/or ecological risks are outweighed by the benefits associated with use of atrazine,” the agency wrote in its proposed decision.

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