



Re-evaluation Note

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Update on the Re-evaluation of Pentachlorophenol Heavy Duty Wood Preservatives

The purpose of this Re-evaluation Note is to notify registrants, pesticide regulatory officials and the Canadian public of the current status of the re-evaluation of pentachlorophenol (also known as penta) in Canada. Pentachlorophenol is a heavy duty wood preservative under re-evaluation in Canada (Announcement A92-02, *Re-evaluation of Heavy Duty Wood Preservatives*) and is one of three heavy duty wood preservatives, the others being creosote and chromated copper arsenate (CCA), under co-operative re-evaluation between Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

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The USEPA has released, for public comment, preliminary health and environmental risk assessments for pentachlorophenol as a heavy duty wood preservative (Docket Number OPP-2004-0402, 30 November 2004, www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm). As part of the co-operative re-evaluation of pentachlorophenol, the PMRA directs all interested parties to the USEPA website to obtain the documentation for these preliminary risk assessments as well as directions for providing comments. The public comment period will last 60 days from the date of release. Any comments should be provided to the USEPA as per these directions and copied to the PMRA.

The PMRA has been working closely with the USEPA on the re-evaluation of pentachlorophenol. The USEPA consultation process includes releasing preliminary risk assessments for comment by stakeholders and the public, prior to finalizing the risk assessments. The preliminary risk assessment document for pentachlorophenol outlines the health and environmental risk assessments; however, it is not a decision or risk management document.

The PMRA invites and encourages the public and all interested parties to provide comments on the preliminary risk assessment document to both the PMRA and the USEPA. The PMRA and the USEPA will review all comments following completion of the public comment period and revise the risk assessments as appropriate. Risk management/mitigation options will be developed following the publication of the final risk assessments.