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"Great minds" think alike. As you are doing, I think it's important to encourage Nancy to stay in touch with Renee so that Renee feels very comfortable that her presentation fits well with the remainder of the agenda.

Have a great day.

Jayne Thompson & Associates
PS/How did your Souder call go???

-----Original Message-----

From: sherry.ford@syngenta.com [mailto:sherry.ford@syngenta.com]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 9:51 AM
To: Jayne Thompson
Subject: RE: Renee Cipriano

Thanks very much, Jayne. In fact, I sent a note yesterday to Nancy asking for the logistics. When I hear back from her, I'll encourage her again to follow up with Renee.

Best,
Sherry

From: Jayne Thompson [mailto:jthompson@jaynethompson.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 5:54 PM
To: Ford Sherry USGR
Cc: Chris Robling; Susana Leyva
Subject: Renee Cipriano
Importance: High

Dear Sherry:

I have spoken with Renee and she is ready to discuss the regulatory process and the relevant factors used by Illinois EPA in deciding to adopt a federal standard e.g. the MCL for atrazine in drinking water. She reinforced with me that she is not an advocate for a company position, but will address this issue from the perspective of a former official of the state EPA. I have emphasized with her the need to allude to the safety factors inherent in the regulatory process and in the established MCL's.

She is waiting to hear from Nancy about the Agenda for the two Farm Bureau meetings in February. Renee will call me if she needs any further clarification, but would very much like to hear from Nancy about the logistics for these two events.

Best regards,
Jayne

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state's corn.

Unlike most other herbicides, atrazine can be applied effectively before, during, or after planting--and even after crop emergence, as it does not harm the food crops themselves. Because of this unique trait, atrazine is extremely popular for use in conservation tillage programs, where crop residues are left on the ground and the next crop's seeds are planted below the residue. This form of tillage virtually eliminates soil erosion and rainfall runoff while improving plant growth and carbon absorption. It also reduces fuel use, exhaust emissions, and equipment wear, thereby lowering production costs for the crops.

Now, a lawsuit against the use of atrazine has been filed by Holiday Shores, a small water district that serves a subdivision in Madison County, Illinois--a county identified as "a judicial hellhole" by the American Tort Reform Association because of its tendency to favor plaintiffs. The plaintiff contends levels of atrazine in surface water are unsafe, even though they meet current standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and even though Holiday Shores is selling to its customers only water that meets the EPA standard.

The Madison County lawsuit was filed by a lawyer who made millions of dollars suing tobacco companies. He is seeking to have the atrazine suit certified as a class action on behalf of some 1,800 water districts in Illinois.

The suit relies on claims based on a small number of highly suspect studies alleging that atrazine at any concentration is a carcinogen and "endocrine disrupter" capable of causing biological mutations. This is a standard tactic of alarmists--to search a huge literature to find a small number of studies that, due to small sample sizes, poor methodology, or just random chance arrive at findings contradicting the rest of the literature.

Existing EPA standards are already very cautious. After performing laboratory tests to determine how much atrazine can safely be ingested by the average healthy adult, EPA strengthened its standards by 1,000 times to accommodate infants, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems.

Moreover, in preparation for a recertification decision EPA must make later this year, the agency recently completed a 10-year evaluation of thousands of studies of the health effects of atrazine. It studied and rejected all of the claims of atrazine's critics. Atrazine, in fact, is arguably the most benign and effective herbicide known to U.S. agriculture.

And yet the junk science used by atrazine's foes is finding its way into litigation in Madison County, where it could indirectly determine national farm policy. If the lawsuit succeeds, all of the crop protection chemicals essential to agriculture in the U.S. will be in danger of elimination by similar tactics. Let us hope sanity and sound science prevail in this lawsuit.

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