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Hey Nancy/Sean,

I hope all is well. The Administrator is meeting with Bayer CEO and staff next Tuesday, and I am responsible for putting together the memo.

Nancy-Can you look at it to make sure it is accurate/if you have any notes to include, please feel free to modify/edit.

Sean- After talking with Bayer's team, they are going to bring up some legal/judicial issues, so that is why I am including you on this email. Would appreciate your thoughts, and if you can attend the meeting, that would be great as well. Happy to give you a call to fill in details.

-Turner



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## Meeting with Bayer U.S. Crop Sciences

- **Background:** Bayer is a global life sciences company with its Crop Science division recognized as the world's largest seed and pesticide company following the acquisition of Monsanto, operating in numerous countries with a strong emphasis on agriculture. In the United States,
  - Bayer maintains a significant presence, including its North American Crop Science headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, and multiple manufacturing and research facilities.
  - The division provides an extensive portfolio of seeds, crop protection products, and digital farming solutions for major crops like corn, soybeans, cotton, and wheat, prioritizing sustainable agriculture and innovation.
  - The Crop Science division operates within the global crop protection chemicals market, valued at \$47.78 billion in 2024.
- **Discussion Topics:**
  - Dicamba: Bayer will want an update on where we stand with 10/25 registration
  - Glyphosate: Bayer will want an update on EPA reg review, as well as give some updates of their own.
  - Supreme Court Action: Bayer will give an update to the Administrator on where they stand in litigation and labeling options.
  - Thanks: Bayer will provide a small thanks for updating the glyphosate web page and work on MAHA.
- **Bayer Attendees:**
  - Bill Anderson, CEO of Bayer AG
  - Stephanie Lynn Murphy, VP Crop Science & Corporate Government Affairs
  - Erick Lutt, Federal Affairs Director
- **EPA Attendees:**
  - Nancy Beck (OCSPP)
  - Sean Donahue (OGC)
  - Turner Bridgforth (Ag Advisor)
- **Notes from OCSPP:**
  - Dicamba
    - EPA received new use applications proposing to register new products that include OTT application on both dicamba-tolerant cotton seed and soybean seed from Bayer in April 2024, BASF in May 2024, and Syngenta in July 2024.
    - EPA is working under a required 17-month timeline (specified in legislation) for the type of new use actions submitted by the three registrants mentioned.
    - EPA cannot legally move forward without fully considering public input and fulfilling its Endangered Species Act obligations.
    - These new use actions are currently in the science assessment phase of our review process.

- If EPA determines that it can move forward with a registration, then it would draft a proposed decision, post that proposed decision for a 30-day public comment period, consider and respond to the comments received, and draft a final decision.
- Glyphosate (timeline update)
  - EPA initiated formal consultation in November of 2021

- **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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- Notes from OGC

- **Ex. 5 AC/DP**