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Advisors-

Please pass this on to any stakeholders or vendors that would be interested. It also is good information to know that this technology is being actively pursued by EPA.

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EPA Seeks Participants in a Pilot Project to Test New Technology for Reducing Pesticide Spray Drift

In a notice posted on August 10, 2007, on FedBizOpps at <http://www.fbo.gov/spg/EPA/OPPTS/OPP/ESTE%5FDRT%5F1/Synopsis.html> EPA announced that it is seeking vendors of pesticide application technology to participate in a pilot project to validate protocols for testing the effectiveness of technology for reducing pesticide spray drift (drift reducing technology or DRT). Interested persons should respond to EPA by September 11, 2007. After the test protocols have been validated, vendors of DRT will have the opportunity to participate in an industry-funded Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) program conducted with EPA. The purpose of this program is to verify the risk-reduction potential of the tested technologies. EPA included this project in the ETV program because DRTs have the potential to reduce pesticide risks to humans and the environment by reducing pesticide exposure to non-target organisms. A description of this project is available on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/etv/este/600etv06036.pdf>

For further information about the pilot project, please contact Vivian Prunier (prunier.vivian@epa.gov; 703-308-9341) in the Office of Pesticide Programs or Michael Kosusko (kosusko.mike@epa.gov; 919-541-2734341) in the Office of Research and Development.

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