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Hoi 5.1.2.e

Na overleg met 5.1.2.e de volgende suggestie:

De vakgroep 5.1.2.e (5.1.2.e @wur.nl) bij de WUR lijkt het meest geschikt om een kandidaat aan te dragen vanuit de juiste expertise. 5.1.2.e is op het moment waarschijnlijk afwezig i.v.m. ouderschapsverlof, maar wordt vervangen door 5.1.2.e (5.1.2.e @wur.nl).

Ik hoop dat je hiermee verder kunt. Laat gerust weten als er nog vragen zijn.

Groeten,

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Hallo 5.1.2.e

Onderstaand verzoek krijg ik vanuit EFSA, met een behoorlijke korte deadline. Kunnen we binnenkort even bellen om dit te bespreken?

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Onderwerp: Expression of Interest – Join EFSA-ECHA Working Group on TFA Environmental Assessment

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I hope my message finds you well. I am reaching out to you following recent discussion in PAFF to inform you about a new mandate received from the European Commission. This mandate focuses on the environmental aspects of trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and is a joint task for EFSA and ECHA.

In particular the **two** agencies are requested to:

1. Compile a list of approved active substances used in plant protection products (PPPs) and those approved or under evaluation in the review programme for biocidal products (BPs), where there is evidence or a possibility that TFA may be formed and subsequently leach into groundwater. Relevant factors and conditions influencing TFA formation in soil or surface water systems should be indicated.
2. Assess the suitability of OECD 307 (soil), OECD 308 (water-sediment), OECD 309 (water), and OECD 316 (direct aqueous photolysis) study guidelines for examining TFA formation, and identify any limitations. Particular attention should be given to study duration, radiolabel placement, analytical method selectivity and sensitivity, and the use of appropriate analytical standards. The potential for protocol enhancements within these guidelines to improve TFA identification should also be evaluated.
3. Explore alternative methods for reliably predicting TFA concentrations in groundwater or surface water, including a review of existing modelling tools, experimental studies (field and laboratory), environmental monitoring data, and relevant reports or comments from Member States (e.g., Denmark, Germany). The evaluation should highlight the strengths and limitations of these approaches and clearly outline key uncertainties affecting prediction robustness.

In addressing these tasks, the agencies are encouraged to consider all relevant studies and information, and to involve external experts as needed—particularly from **Denmark** and **Germany**, given their expertise on TFA. Consultation with Member States acting as rapporteurs for ongoing PFAS assessments is also recommended.

Next Steps:

- The mandate is currently in the acceptance stage, with a deadline set for 18 months from acceptance.
- A dedicated working group (WG) will be established to work on the above points, jointly with ECHA.
- We anticipate organising approximately six meetings per year (e.g., four teleconferences and two in-person meetings), with the first meeting planned for January 2026 tbc. Further details will be communicated in due course.

With this email, we would like to kindly be advised on suitable experts who could join this WG. **Formal selection will follow EFSA's established procedure.** The interested experts should ensure their profile in the **EFSA Taleo database** is up to date or create one if needed here [Login](#).

The exact number of experts in the working group has not yet been determined; however, it is likely that only one expert per organisation will be appointed. Experts participate in their personal capacity, not as official representatives of their organisations. A Declaration of interest will be required to manage potential conflicts. Participation will be remunerated and includes preparation, meeting attendance, and foremost drafting assigned sections of the scientific output.

We would appreciate your feedback and indication of possible candidates by **Friday 21 November**, if feasible. Directly informing the proposed experts would also be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are also available to arrange a short teleconference to provide additional details or clarifications if needed.

Many thanks in advance and kind regards,

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