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Dear Mr. Tozzi:

Thank you for your letter of August 22 to Ms. Carol Browner, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning the use of clinical human test data in the pesticide program. Because this Office is responsible for regulating pesticides, Administrator Browner asked me to respond on her behalf. You make several interesting observations which we will consider as we refine our policy in this difficult and controversial area.

Please allow me to provide an update on our activities since our June 20 letter to you. On September 12 the Science Advisory Board Executive Committee transmitted to the Administrator the final report from the Joint SAB/SAP Data from Testing with Human Subjects Subcommittee. The Agency will carefully consider the Joint Subcommittee's recommendations as it develops its policy regarding use of studies involving human subjects as the basis of regulatory decisions. We expect to release a proposed policy for public comment soon.

I am sorry I cannot provide more specific information at this time. I appreciate your continued interest in the pesticide program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan H. Wayland".

Susan H. Wayland
Acting Assistant Administrator