



## OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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### MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Response to requests to extend the public comment period for the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) for treated seed and treated paint products

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This memorandum authorizes the extension of the comment period on the ANPRM for treated seed and treated paint products, which is currently available for public comment in docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0420 at <https://www.regulations.gov>, from December 11, 2023, to February 9, 2024.

The ANPRM posted in the docket for a 60-day public review and comment period on October 12, 2023, resulting in a deadline for submitting comments on December 11, 2023. The Agency received multiple requests for extension of the comment period on the ANPRM. Specifically, the Agency received requests for a 60-day comment period extension from CropLife America, National Cotton Council, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Pesticide Policy Coalition, GA Cotton Commission, South Texas Cotton & Grain Association, American Seed Trade Association, Arizona Cotton Growers Association, American Soybean Association, Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., and the American Chemistry Council Center for Biocide Chemistries.

Requestors cited the need for additional time to collect the significant amount of data EPA is seeking in the ANPRM and to aggregate it in a way that will be useful for the Agency. They also cited the concurrent open dockets on which they (and other relevant stakeholders) will also submit substantive comments (e.g., EPA's Draft Herbicide Strategy, Draft Guidance for New Outdoor Use Registrations, Proposed Antimicrobial Resistance Framework, EPA's Risk Assessment for Arsenic) thereby needing additional time to provide comprehensive comments on the ANPRM. EPA is therefore granting an extension of 60 days following the close of the original comment period. Comments on this docket must now be submitted by **February 9, 2024**.