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Memorandum

To: Board of Pesticides Control
From: Doug Van Hoewyk and Julia Vacchiano
Subject: An Update on dropped PFAS active ingredients (2022-2026)

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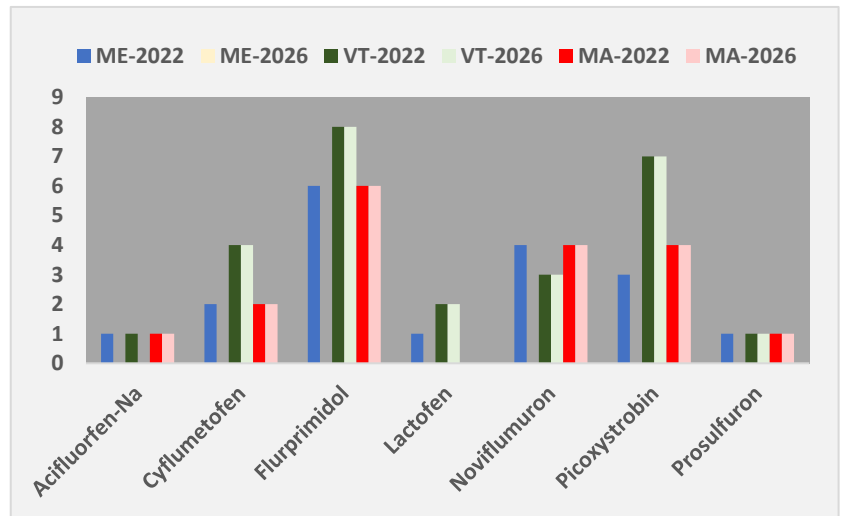
Background and Rationale

In 2021, the State of Maine enacted Public Law 2021, c. 477, An Act To Stop Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution. As a result of this legislation, pesticidal active ingredients that contain PFAS will be banned in 2032. This memo provides an update on whether PFAS active ingredients have been discontinued by the product registrant in Maine between 2022 and 2026.

PFAS-Active Ingredients dropped in Maine are still registered in other New England states

Seven active ingredients containing PFAS have been dropped in Maine from 2022-2026, which encompass a total of eighteen products (Figure 1). All seven active ingredients contain only a single fully-fluorinated carbon, which make them a PFAS according to the OECD/State of Maine definition. With the exception of flurprimidol, which was last registered in 2024, all active ingredients were dropped in 2023.

We deemed it worthwhile to investigate if these dropped active ingredients were unique to Maine or more broadly reflect trends in other nearby states. We therefore compared registrations of the dropped active ingredients in Maine to Vermont and Massachusetts (registrations in New Hampshire were inaccessible). Notably, none of these active ingredients were dropped in Vermont or Massachusetts, with the exception of sodium-acifluorfen that is no longer registered in Vermont.



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