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EPA Cancels All Registrations of Pesticides Containing Dimethyl Tetrachloroterephthalate (DCPA)

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On October 22, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the cancellation of all registrations of pesticides containing DCPA, marketed under the trade name Dacthal. This cancellation follows EPA's Emergency Order that suspended all registrations of DCPA on August 6.

No person may distribute, sell, or use any pesticide containing DCPA. Use of any DCPA product, even if already in your possession, is prohibited. The only DCPA product registration in Oregon, Dacthal Flowable Herbicide (EPA Registration No. 5481-487), was cancelled on August 19.

In September 2024, AMVAC initiated a voluntary return program for existing DCPA products which will conclude in the coming weeks. Distribution of DCPA products for the purpose of returning the products to AMVAC or disposing of the products is allowed. EPA has stated that it will release more information relating to remaining stocks in the coming months.

For more information, please see EPA's [News Release](#), [Federal Register Notice](#), and [DCPA Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Background and additional details: In May 2023, EPA released its assessment on the risks of occupational and residential exposure to products containing DCPA. The assessment found health risks associated with DCPA use and application, even when personal protective equipment and engineering controls are used. In April 2024, EPA issued a public warning regarding the health risks to developing fetuses of pregnant individuals exposed to DCPA.

On August 6, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Emergency Order suspending all registrations of pesticides containing DCPA, marketed under the trade name Dacthal. EPA determined that a suspension order was necessary to prevent an imminent hazard to human health. EPA initiated the cancellation process for all DCPA product registrations on August 28, 2024.

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