



## Comments Open for Special Registration of Potato Pesticide

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MADISON – The public can comment until May 24 on a proposed special pesticide registration to help potato growers control early and late blight in their crops.

The special registration proposed by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is for Bravo Ultrex®, Bravo Weather Stik® and Bravo Zn®. All contain the active ingredient chlorothalonil. They are manufactured by GB Biosciences and distributed by Syngenta Crop Protection LLC.

These products are currently registered for use on potatoes, but the special registration will allow them to be used in higher amounts than the regular label specifies. The special labeling would increase the limit of 11.25 pounds of chlorothalonil per acre per growing season to 16 pounds. This will extend protection long enough to control blight both early and late in the season.

The preliminary environmental assessment indicates that the proposed registration will not require a full environmental impact statement. This special pesticide registration would expire December 31, 2017.

For a copy of the assessment, contact Matt Sunseri, DATCP, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI, 53708-8911, 608-224-4547. It is available for review at the department Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 2811 Agriculture Dr., Madison, second floor. Comments received on or before 4:30 p.m., May 24, will become part of the preliminary environmental assessment record. Send comments to Matt Sunseri by mail at the above address or by email at [matthew.sunseri@wisconsin.gov](mailto:matthew.sunseri@wisconsin.gov).

The special registration process allows states to register additional uses of pesticide products without prior federal approval. It helps growers address local pest problems that cannot be adequately controlled by any available federally registered product. These problems include insect outbreaks, fungal diseases, and grasses and weeds that outcompete crops. Details about the special registration process are available at <http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Environment/pdf/SpecialRegistrationApplication.pdf>.

DATCP had previously authorized similar requests for Bravo® products, the most recent of which expired Dec. 31, 2012. The department has not received any reports of adverse effects from previous special registrations of this product.

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