

Current Status of MSMA Registration

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The MAA Research Task Force is engaging in productive discussions with EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs on the continuation of the registration of organic arsenical herbicides, including MSMA. We are confident that MSMA will be available at least for the next several years, and our expectation is considerably longer. EPA is well aware of the critical need for these products, and is working hard to ensure that these products will remain available to our customers.

EPA has invited discussion on certain mitigation measures to reduce exposure to inorganic arsenic possibly resulting from the use of MSMA. These measures are targeted mainly at surface water. The MAA Research Task Force is consulting with the user community to ensure any such mitigation measures recognize and reflect application realities and result in minimal inconvenience. We appreciate all your support, and will continue to update you on the progress of our discussions.