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BACKGROUND

- Glyphosate, active ingredient in RoundUp, discovered in 1970
- Monsanto owned the patent for glyphosate from 1974 to 2000
- Other manufacturers marketed glyphosate products after 2000
- Bayer buys Monsanto (and RoundUp product) in 2018
- All glyphosate products have gone through EPA assessments
 (for over 36 years)
 when used according to label directions, poses no risk to human health
 and is not a carcinogen

RECENT HISTORY

- 2015: International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classifies glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic to humans", which includes coffee, processed meat, and sunlight
- 2016: First US RoundUp lawsuit
- 2017: European Chemicals Agency determines glyphosate is not a carcinogen
- 2018: European Food Safety Authority determines glyphosate not expected to pose a risk to human health
- 2018: US jury awards I plaintiff \$289 million, judge reduces award to \$78 million



CURRENTLY

- Approximately 100,000 lawsuits
- June 2020 Bayer reaches settlement to pay \$11 billion to settle 95,000 cases
- Settlement includes \$1.25 billion to deal with future lawsuits including process to resolve potential future claims by establishing independent expert panel (Class Science Panel) to determine "if glyphosate is a carcinogen, and if so, minimum exposure level that is dangerous?" Both sides are held to results
- June 24, 2020 Bayer files motion filed seeking preliminary approval of this class settlement
- July 6, 2020 Judge issued order setting date for hearing (July 24) and states that he is "skeptical of the propriety and fairness of the proposed settlement"



- Keep informed on glyphosate lawsuits
- Investigate alternatives –
 post-emergent
 contact
 non-selective



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QUESTIONS?

SUGGESTIONS?

