

Dear USEPA,

On behalf of SAVE THE FROGS! staff, members, volunteers and our thousands of supporters in the USA and worldwide, I am writing to applaud the USEPA for detailing a variety of harms caused by Atrazine in its 2016 “Refined Ecological Risk Assessment For Atrazine”, and for providing the public with a means of educating themselves regarding one of the world’s most commonly used pesticides and its array of negative impacts on wildlife and ecosystems.

SAVE THE FROGS! opposes the use of pesticides (such as Atrazine) that present potential chronic risk for amphibians. I am especially disturbed that with respect to Atrazine, the USEPA found levels of chronic concern for mammals were exceeded by as much as 198 times: after all I am a mammal, and so are all SAVE THE FROGS! supporters, all USEPA staff, all the farmworkers who apply Atrazine to crops, and all the people who may never have even heard of Atrazine. Given that Atrazine is the most commonly detected pesticide in U.S. groundwater, rainwater and tapwater, and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture detected atrazine in 94% of American tap water samples, there is ample reason to ban Atrazine.

Humans survived for hundreds of thousands of years without Atrazine, and there exist numerous ways to successfully grow crops without threatening human, wildlife and ecosystem health. **The USEPA now has overwhelming data to justify a ban of Atrazine and/or to deny Atrazine’s re-registration.**

Thank you for translating science into action and upholding your agency’s mission to protect human health and the environment -- air, water, and land. The frogs and SAVE THE FROGS! supporters in the USA and worldwide thank you.

Sincerely,

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