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To: Board of Pesticides Control Members
From: Mary Tomlinson, Pesticides Registrar/Water Quality Specialist
RE: Withdrawal of FIFRA Section 18 application for use of Revus[®] Fungicide (EPA# 100-1254) to control late blight in seed potatoes
Date: April 17, 2012

At the request of Steve Johnson, Maine Cooperative Extension Potato Specialist, the Section 18 application for the use of Revus as a potato seed treatment was withdrawn, effective April 17, 2012.

It was the determination of Steve Johnson and the Maine Potato Board that the use of Revus with the increase in residue tolerance suggested by Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, and supported by the EPA would create an export barrier to Canada for both seed potatoes and peel-on potato products for human consumption. Therefore, the use of Revus could possibly have an adverse economic impact greater than the economic loss due to a potential late blight epidemic.