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**RE: Withdrawal of SLN ME090001 for Ethrel Brand Ethephon Plant Regulator on
Greenhouse Tomatoes**

Dear Mr. Kish:

Effective today, the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (MBPC) hereby formally withdraws its application for SLN ME090001 for the use of Ethrel Brand Ethephon Plant Regulator on greenhouse tomatoes. Due to a lack of resources required to conduct a quantitative risk assessment, the MBPC is unable to make a definitive finding of no adverse effects arising from concerns relating to worker safety and residue tolerances. Accordingly, withdrawal of the SLN is appropriate at this time. We have alerted Backyard Farms, the only year-round greenhouse tomato grower in the state. They will cease use of product effective today. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at 207-287-2731.

Sincerely,

Henry Jennings
Director
Maine Board of Pesticides Control