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Bayer loses appeal in Roundup case

Bayer AG lost its appeal last week of a verdict awarding \$289.2 million to a plaintiff claiming Roundup was the cause of his non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Although the California Court of Appeals denied the appeal of the verdict, the damages awarded to the plaintiff were reduced by 74% to a new total of 20.5 million, as California law did not afford damages for a shortened life expectancy. Read the story here.



Enlist Duo registration upheld

The registration for Enlist Duo, a 2,4-D and glyphosate herbicide, was upheld last week by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. This comes after several environmental groups petitioned to have the registration vacated, claiming violations of the Endangered Species Act and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Read more here. Read NALC Staff Attorney Brigit Rollins's blog post on the topic here.



USDA releases cattle market investigation report

Last week the USDA released its report on an investigation into cattle markets in the U.S. Although the report did not say whether or not the beef industry was involved in illegal activity, it did say that potential violations of the Packers and Stockyards Act are currently under investigation. Because this is an ongoing investigation, the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service "has limited ability to publicly report the full scope and status of the investigation." Read the full report here.



From the NALC

WOTUS Update: Injunction Issued As Lawsuits Progress: Since the Navigable Waters Protection Rule went into legal effect on June 22, there have been multiple lawsuits from states, environmental groups and agriculture groups. In this blog post Staff Attorney Brigit Rollins discusses the current status of two of these lawsuits, and what the outcome of these could mean for the future of the Navigable Waters Rule. Read the full post here and catch up on her "WOTUS Update" blog series here.



