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As reported in 1980, at the Fourth Annual Pine and Meadow Vole Symposium, the use of endrin would be subject to the EPA Administrator's decision as delineated in the EPA Position Document 4. The details of his decision and the resulting prohibitions and restrictions were given at last year's Symposium and are contained in the official publication of the 1980 Symposium in the article by Lawrence S. Ebner and Harvey S. Gold.

The EPA RPAR decision permitted the continued use of endrin for a number of important uses. Among these was the use of endrin for pine and meadow vole control. The restrictions imposed by the RPAR were to be effected by means of label changes that would be officially requested by EPA by notices to registrants of endrin labels. Compliance with these label changes would continue the label registration. Failure to comply would result in cancellation of the label registration.

At the time of last year's Symposium the official EPA notification to endrin label registrants had not yet been made. In September 1980, EPA notified registrants by registered mail of the required label changes and timetable for compliance. Since that time, Velsicol has complied and revised its endrin labels (including the Endrin 1.6 EC label containing the orchard mouse control use) in accordance with the EPA requirements. Velsicol's Endrin 1.6 EC label is valid and Velsicol will continue to produce and sell endrin for those uses currently permitted by law. Therefore, endrin is available for use in controlling pine and meadow voles in those states where the use is permitted.