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## **EPA's initial response to press on clothianidin core study**

Ed. Note: This is NOT EPA's formal response, but is its statement to the media.

Names/emails have been omitted due to request to remain anonymous.

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Subject: RE: Questions on clothianidin registration

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The study cited by this group regarding the insecticide clothianidin is not a "core" study for EPA as claimed. It is not a study routinely required to support the registration of a pesticide. EPA's evaluation of the study determined that it contains information useful to the agency's risk assessment. The study revealed the majority of hives monitored, including those exposed to clothianidin during the previous season, survived the over-wintering period.

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