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The Sapphire Group assists Creosote Council II with FIFRA

The Sapphire Group is currently assisting the Creosote Council II with re-registration of creosote under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The Sapphire Group has more than 10 years of experience assisting clients with registration and re-registration of products under FIFRA. That experience has prepared its professionals well to address the complex scientific and regulatory challenges in the estimation of risks to workers presented by creosote. Some of the challenges stem from the product being a mixture and the nature of human exposure (largely skin contact). To address these, The Sapphire Group professionals are first advising the Council on the direction and content of EPA's own risk assessment. Next our professionals will assist the Council in reviewing EPA's assessment and in preparing comments to the Agency.

For the risk assessment, the Group will address the application of data from one route of administration to another as well as the reliance on toxicity data from either the total mixture or the sum of individual components. A critical component in the success of this process is The Sapphire teams' competence in understanding how to effectively use the highly sophisticated exposure data the industry has collected.