



**Nebraska
Corn Growers
Association**

Docket Number: EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0586

Dear Environmental Protection Agency,

On behalf of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association, I am deeply disappointed that the topic of atrazine use has been brought up once again. Atrazine was proven to not adversely affect amphibians in 2007, so there is no reason that this topic needs to be looked at any further. Also, none of the information that was presented and submitted in the Save the Frogs' petition justifies a change in regulatory action, which proves once again that this is not a topic that needs to be focused on.

In 2007, your agency, the Environmental Protection Agency, concluded "that atrazine does not adversely affect amphibian gonadal development based on a review of laboratory and field studies, including studies submitted by the registrant and studies published in the scientific literature." Also, in a 2010 update from your agency, it was stated that no additional testing was necessary to address the topic. It has been proven that atrazine is not an issue for amphibian gonadal development many times.

Atrazine is an essential tool for farmers in Nebraska and has been for over 50 years. It has played a fundamental role in increasing corn, sorghum and sugarcane production in Nebraska and has also helped to reduce soil erosion through conservation tillage. Atrazine is vital to aiding farmers in using environmentally friendly practices such as no-till farming, which not only reduces soil erosion but also protects numerous wildlife habitats. Frogs actually are thriving in irrigation ditches and ponds, which are next to the corn fields that atrazine is used in.

The use of atrazine has been proven several times that it is safe for the environment and animals, such as frogs. Atrazine products are critical modern agricultural tools that support both land and water conservation, which are not only safe for the environment but also help to maintain habitats for frogs and other wildlife.

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