Based on recent conversations with EPA, we will begin testing corn syrup for glyphosate and its AMPA metabolite April 1, 2017 with collection ending August 31, 2017. Samples will be collected by all PDP States, including NC, at normal monthly sampling rates for a total of 315 samples, allowing for a slight overage. Samples will be tested by NSL.

Here is a link to the draft program plan for April 1 – June 30, 2017 that reflects this change: J:\PDP\PROGRAM PLANS\Semi-Annual\2017\PDP April through June 2017 Program Plan v1.0.doc. Please review and add your changes/edits to the plan by February 10th, so that Shanker and Dawn can finalize it for distribution on February 15, 2017.

Valerie, please go ahead and set up a Reimbursable Agreement for testing with NSL to cover method development/validation and testing. At this time, under the CR, we are allowed to only obligate 57% of the total IAA amount. I will send an email from Adjoa Ataah with details as well as the agreement amount, etc. I’ve talked to Roger Simonds so he is expecting the agreement.

This program change will need to be announced at the February PDP Conference Call. This will be after the Program Plan goes out and will be a good time to talk about corn syrup collection with the Sampling Managers.

Chris, Don and Saeed did quite a bit of upfront research on corn syrup
availability at PDP sampling sites. I think you were copied on all correspondence, but I’ll send all the email messages again, just in case. It would be good to compile this information and share it with the samplers during the February conference call.

Thanks,
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