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Can we discuss today or tomorrow

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Patrick, Veronica was kind enough to help me out in getting in contact with you. I am the director of the Office of Pesticide Programs at EPA. It is our understanding that ATSDR is initiating a review of glyphosate. We are currently planning to issue a preliminary risk assessment for this chemical as part of our reevaluation program that reassesses chemicals (pesticides) every 15 years. The assessment is a comprehensive evaluation of the information that is available to us through submitted studies in support of the registration of this pesticide as well as all of the other information that is available in the open literature, etc. We are conducting this reevaluation jointly with Canada (although they recently have put out their assessment). Our assessment will evaluate the hazard, exposure and risks both to humans and the environment through a number of pathways resulting from the registered uses. We are planning to put the assessment out for public comment at the end of July. I'd like to discuss with you your agency's work on evaluating this chemical and, given that we are close to issuing our assessment, whether it you would still feel the need to do your assessment. I did speak with Hannah Pohl who is assigned to do the assessment for glyphosate. She was kind enough to return my call and explained to me that she would coordinate with us in doing her evaluation. However, given that our reviews would be basically be done very close in time to one another, there is a question of whether this is a good use of government resources. I'd like to talk to you about this and can be reached at the number below which is my direct line. Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

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