

White says atrazine review “politically driven”

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A number of farm groups traveled to Washington, DC this week to voice their support for the widely used herbicide atrazine. Jere White, chairman of the Triazine Network and director of Kansas Corn Growers and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers, testified that extensive studies show atrazine is safe. He also questioned what he called the EPA’s “politically driven second guessing.” White pointed out the EPA’s 12 year review of triazine herbicides, including atrazine that was released in 2006 showing no harm posed to the general population. White added that he hopes the scientific objectivity and high standards leading EPA to register atrazine as safe in the past will continue.

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