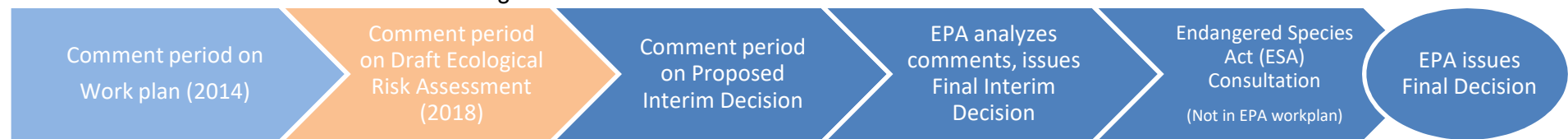


Pesticide: Metam Sodium; EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0140
Use: Root control product.
Why we care: Metam sodium (in sewer root control foams) and its degradate MITC are safety hazards to workers inadvertently entering lines undergoing treatment, can cause treatment process interference, and has historically contained trace nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA), a suspected human carcinogen.
Actions taken: BACWA has tracked this pesticide since the Work Plan was released in 2014.
Status: EPA released the Draft Ecological Risk Assessment in December 2018.



Next steps: EPA will issue a Proposed Interim Decision.
Recommendation: Send comments to EPA identifying risk to workers inadvertently entering a line undergoing treatment and requesting POTW notification language be modified to provide notice at least 24 hours prior to treatment.

From EPA's Draft Risk Assessment:	Response from a POTW Perspective:
Use for Root Control in Sewers: There is no mention in the EPA Risk Assessment of the use of metam as a root control product in sewers.	Significant omission. For EPA to require label changes, it must have identified a significant risk. The risk to workers who might inadvertently enter a line undergoing treatment should be sufficient to justify a request for labels to be modified to require 24-hour notice prior to applications.