Dear colleagues,

I would like to inform you that today, we have published for public consultation the preliminary opinion of the Commission’s independent Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks - SCHER on “Potential risks to human health and the environment from the use of calcium cyanamide as fertiliser”. The consultation will be open until 30 June 2014.

The purpose of this opinion was to assess potential risks to human health and the environment from the use of calcium cyanamide as fertiliser. The SCHER has concluded that harmful effects for humans and for the environment could not be excluded when calcium cyanamide as fertiliser is used at the current rates of application.

This is the link to the public consultation where you can also find the full preliminary opinion:
http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consultations/public_consultations/scher_cons_07_en.htm

I would be grateful if you could further disseminate this consultation to your groups of stakeholders and Commission Agencies as appropriate.

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