

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT



Rules/Petition and other Activities of Interest to PPDC

- Worker Protection
- 25(b)
 - Clarifications
 - Reconsideration
- Inert Ingredients Disclosure
- Incident Reporting
- Spanish Labeling



- **Worker Protection Standard(WPS)**

- Proposal to Update the decades old WPS
- Protects the 1-2 million Agricultural Workers in fields
- Proposal would cover
 - training (content and frequency)
 - notification/posting
 - record keeping
- EPA gathered/incorporated input from stakeholders over 10 years.
- EPA staff are finalizing proposed provisions and economic analyses in 2012.



- **25 b -- Minimum risk pesticides**
- **Rule #1 – Clarification Rule**
 - Aims to provide clarity to facilitate manufacturing, enforcement, and consumer choice among products.
 - Important to a number of groups, including EPA’s regulatory partners at the State level.
- **Rule#2 – 25b repellent registration/reconsideration**
 - Would exclude personally applied insect repellents from the exemption and require efficacy data for such products.
 - Planned SAP in first or second quarter of 2013.
 - Insect Repellent Voluntary program would address efficacy issues of 25b products that choose to take part.



- **Inerts Disclosure**

- Agency received two petitions on this subject.
- Published ANPRM in 2010.
- Over 400 comments received and analyzed in 2011.
- Complexity of issues, public interest resulted in elevating “tiering” and requires more formal, higher level decision making process.
- For FY 2012, OPP staff are framing the issues and establishing project goals to help move this process forward within EPA.



- **6a (2) – Incident Reporting**

- Proposal would revise and update the regulations governing the reporting of risk and adverse effects to OPP.
- Specific focus would be on electronic reporting and “non-aggregate” reporting.
- OPP plans to launch a voluntary initiative with a small group of interested registrants and stakeholders.
- If interested in participating in the pilot, please let us know.



- **Petition for Spanish labeling**

- December 2009 the Agency received a petition from the Migrant Clinicians Network, Farmworker Justice, and other farm worker organizations requesting that the Agency require all pesticide labels to be in Spanish and English.
- March 30, 2011, Federal Register (FR) notice soliciting comment (90 days).
- Over 200 comments, 60% were in favor of Spanish labeling, 40% against.
- Petition response is still under review.