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# **Regulatory Retrospective Reviews**

OPP Update

May 2015

# Background

- **Executive Order 13563, “Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review”**
  - Signed January 2011
  - Goal: make regulations more effective or less burdensome
  - Directs federal agencies to review existing regulations to identify possible reforms that modify, streamline, expand or repeal those regulations
- **Initial Plan for Periodic Retrospective Review**
  - Plan issued in 2011 after extensive public engagement
  - Identified 35 retrospective reviews
  - Opened a docket to receive ongoing suggestions
    - Docket named: **Improving Regulations: Pesticides**, number **EPA-HQ-OA-2011-0157**
  - EPA posts semi-annual progress reports on our website
    - <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opei/RuleGate.nsf/>

# Ongoing Reviews

- **2011 EPA plan commits to ongoing and periodic reviews**
  - Continues to assess existing significant regulations
  - Welcomes public suggestions for reviews
  - Sets out a 4-step process every 5-years to identify retrospective reviews
- **January 2015 update**
  - EPA completed 21 of its original 35 retrospective reviews
  - Five new reviews were added in July 2014
  - 19 reviews were ongoing

# OPP Activities under the Retrospective Review

- **OPP fully participated in EPA implementation**
  - EPA public engagement activities and meetings (2011)
  - Listening session with the PPDC (2011)
  - Initiated five retrospective reviews (2011)
- **OPP Completed Two Reviews by 2015**
  - Export notification for pesticides
  - Integrated pesticide registration reviews
- **Continued Efforts**
  - Modernizing science and technology methods
  - Electronic online reporting
  - Certification of pesticide applicators
  - Confidential Statement of Product Specifications (CSPS) for Pesticides (new in 2014)
  - FIFRA Pesticide Import Rule Revisions Referral (new in 2014)

# New Retrospective Review Activities in 2015

- **Renewed Outreach to Stakeholders**
  - Roundtables
  - Federal Register notices
  - Using existing meetings
  - “Lean” events
- **Opportunities for EPA to gain valuable feedback**
  - Streamlining government business processes
  - Identifying overly burdensome reporting requirements
  - Modernizing regulatory programs
- **Next Steps**
  - Review the feedback we gather
  - Consider new actions for commitment in 2015

# OPP Seeks Your Input

- **Streamlining reporting requirements and modernizing regulatory programs**
  - State partners
  - Small business community
  - Industry representatives
  - General public
- **Provide input by June 26, 2015**
  - Submit via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to Docket ID [EPA-HQ-OA-2011-0157](#)
- **Next Steps**
  - OPP to consider additional areas for retrospective reviews