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Registration Update

Conventional Pesticides Registration Program

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Background

- C The registration process for a new conventional active ingredient typically spans fiscal years.
- C Fluctuations in resources dedicated to the conventional pesticides registration program from one fiscal year to the next can significantly impact productivity.
- C FQPA requirements have necessitated a significant increase in the level of science reviews needed to determine that a pesticide satisfies the new stringent health standard.
- C Productivity in the conventional pesticides registration program has increased significantly since passage of the FQPA.

How has productivity improved?

New Conventional Chemical Decisions

- C Over the past four years (fiscal years 1997-2000), the average decision time for a new non-"reduced-risk" conventional active ingredient was 31 months; for a new "reduced-risk" conventional active ingredient, the average decision time was 22 months.

Year	Total Decisions	Conventionals		"Reduced-Risk" Conventionals	
		Decisions	Average Time	Decisions	Average Time
1997	11	7	28 months	4	18 months
1998	13	11	32 months	2	17 months
1999	12	6	35 months	6	20 months
2000	11	4	28 months	7	25 months

New Use Decisions for Conventional Chemicals

- C Over the past four years (fiscal years 1997 - 2000), the average decision time for a new non-"reduced-risk" new use was 46 months; for a new "reduced-risk" conventional new use, the average decision time was 15 months.

Year	Decisions	Tolerances Issued	Associated Crops	Number of Chemicals
1997	26	64	41	9
1998	73	152	480	24
1999	134	272	504	32
2000*	225	300	350	29

*Preliminary numbers – final FY2000 counts not yet available.

Emergency Exemption (Section 18) Decisions

- C FQPA required that EPA establish tolerances to support emergency exemption requests granted under section 18 of FIFRA, significantly adding to program costs for processing these actions.
- C Despite the additional work required by FQPA, RD is currently processing Section 18 requests faster than the regulatory goal of 50 days.

Year	Requests Received	Decisions			Average Processing Time	Tolerances		Crises Issued
		Granted	Denied	Withdrawn		Issued	Extended	
1997	422	384	17	29	80 days	88	n/a	121
1998	601	410	27	67	56 days	60	35	125
1999	630	455	22	65	54 days	62	56	124
2000 **	434	289	10	25	44 days	13	9	41

**Section 18 numbers for FY2000 need updating -- final counts not yet available.