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Formation of Intra-Governmental Steering Committee to Further Drinking Water Regression Model Development for FQPA Risk Assessment and Risk Management

EPA, USGS and USDA all share a common interest in: (1) improving our understanding of the occurrence of pesticides in drinking water so that we may improve drinking water risk assessments and risk management decisions under FQPA, (2) making such improvements as soon as possible, and (3) making the best use of available government and private resources in a cooperative and coordinated manner to take advantage of our combined technical expertise and combined funds.

EPA, USGS and USDA all share a common vision that we need to organize ourselves to focus our efforts now on advancing the development and validation of more refined predictive regression-based models, starting with the USGS Gilliom/Larson regression model. Our immediate objective is to determine what monitoring data and other data and information need to be collected and by whom in the near future and over the next 2-5 years to most efficiently and effectively advance the development of higher tiered regression-based drinking water assessment models. EPA, USGS and USDA have formed an inter-agency steering committee to coordinate both private and public efforts to gather the data and information necessary to advance this approach.

INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL FQPA DRINKING WATER STEERING COMMITTEE

Committee Members

The Committee consists of a Division or Office Director level representative (and alternate) from each of the following: EPA/OPP, USGS, and USDA.

Al Jennings and Therese Murtaugh have been designated to represent USDA;
Denise Keehner and Betsy Behl have been designated to represent EPA; and
Tim Miller and Dave Wangsness have been designated to represent USGS.

Function of the Committee

The Committee functions as a Steering Committee, decision making body, and coordinating body for scientific and technical Working Groups that would be formed to advance regression model development and validation for use in FQPA assessments. The Committee is responsible for: (1) establishing scientific and technical working groups; (2) providing guidance and direction to the scientific and technical working groups as to their composition, mission, goals, objectives, desired outputs, operational processes, and timelines; (3) reviewing and accepting/rejecting Working Group proposals and recommendations; (4) resolving differences that were not able to be resolved at the Working Group level and (5) providing ongoing oversight of the working groups. The Committee is also responsible for identifying policy issues which may require broader input and for using such mechanisms as the CARAT and/or PPDC to obtain such broader input.

