Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) PRIA Process Improvement Workgroup

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Pesticide Registration Improvement Renewal Act

- PRIA 2
- Registration Service Fees enable Agency to meet timeframes and Maintenance Fees support registration review
- Developed by PRIA Coalition
  - Industry Trade Associations and Public Interest Groups
- Signed October 9, 2007
- Effective retroactively to October 1, 2007
- Sunsets September 30, 2012

PRIA - Statutory Provision Process Improvements

- PRIA-1 and PRIA-2 – FIFRA Section 33(e)
- "To the maximum extent practicable consistent with the degrees of risk presented by pesticides and the type of review appropriate to evaluate risks, the Administrator shall identify and evaluate reforms to the pesticide registration process under this Act with the goal of reducing decision review periods in effect on the effective date of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 for pesticide registration actions for covered pesticide registration applications (including reduced risk applications)."

PPDC PRIA Process Improvement Workgroup

- Stakeholder Subcommittee of PPDC formed
  - PPDC PRIA Process Improvement Workgroup
- Members – Industry, Trade Associations, Agency and Public Interest Groups
- Ten meetings - http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ppdc/
  - August 2004
  - October 2004
  - January 25, 2005
  - September 14, 2005
  - January 31, 2006
  - June 14, 2006
  - November 2, 2006
  - April 10, 2007
  - September 27, 2007
  - April 29, 2008

PPDC PRIA Process Improvement Workgroup - Meetings

- Stakeholders and OPP each identified priorities for efficiency improvements and opportunities to increase efficiency in registration process

- Agency reports status of implementation, efforts to reduce time to completion and status of projects of interest to stakeholders

- Productive and cooperative dialogue
  - Topics introduced for discussion / resolution
  - Allows longer term projects

PPDC PRIA Process Improvement Workgroup - Priorities

- **Labeling – High Priority**
  - Led to a number of labeling projects
- **Quality Submissions**
  - Identification of submission issues
  - Guidance, information and application tools
- **Information Management - Increased automation and use of electronic tools**
  - Electronic Submission
  - E-label review
  - Long–term Goal: Development of interactive application and analysis systems`

PPDC PRIA Process Improvement Workgroup

- Summary of Workgroup's accomplishments under PRIA 1 presented during the October 18, 2008 PPDC Meeting

  - Transcript on http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/cb/ppdc/2007/oct2007/october07.htm

PRIA - Section 33(k)(2)
PRIA Annual Report

- **FIFRA Section 33(k)(2) requires that the Agency publish an annual report on or before March 1**

  - "The report shall include – (A) a review of the progress in carrying out each requirement of subsections (e)…"

- **Accomplishments reported yearly in the PRIA Annual Report**

- **FY2007 Annual Report -** http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/fees/2007annual_report/pria_annual_report_2007.htm

PRIA 2 - Section 33(k)(2)(D) PRIA Annual Report

- a review of the progress in carrying out section 3(g), including—
  - the number of pesticides or pesticide cases reviewed;
  - a description of the staffing and resources relating to the costs associated with the review and decision making relating to reregistration, and registration review for compliance with the deadlines specified in this Act;
- …recommendations for—
  - process improvements in the handling of registration review
  - providing for accreditation of outside reviewers and the use of outside reviewers in the registration review process; and
  - streamlining the registration review process

Registration Review

- April 29, 2008 workgroup meeting
- Results of March, 2007 external review of product reregistration program described
- Future meetings – Agency and stakeholders identify priorities similar to the process under PRIA 1 to build upon improvements to date in the reg. review process resulting from the PPDC Registration Review Workgroup
- Emphasis – increasing the efficiency of the process while maintaining transparency and public participation
  - Examples of current efficiency/transparency measures
    - Docket
    - Workplans

PPDC PRIA Process Improvement Workgroup

- Next meeting – Fall, 2008
- Anticipated Topics
  - Registration Review
    - Agency priorities
    - Stakeholder priorities
  - Information Management
    - Status of E-submission
  - General Registration Processing Issues