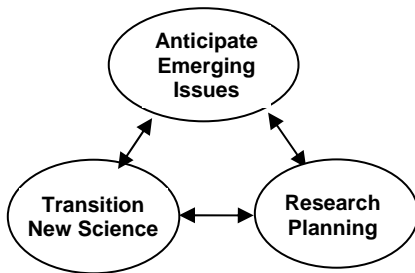


OPP's Science Policy Council (SciPoC)



Charter: To enhance the consistent use of the best available science in our regulatory decisions and policies by providing a central forum that assists OPP in identifying critical issues in pesticide safety, formulating solutions, and in transitioning new science, methodologies, and policies into our program.

The Council focuses on cross-cutting science issues with relevance across divisional lines and its key functions are:

- **Anticipating and Proactively Addressing Emerging Issues**
 - Predict future challenges in pesticide safety, determine priorities for attention, devise strategies to address (e.g., communication, analyses, research), and make recommendations to update OPP's policies and scientific project portfolio.
 - Anticipate and develop solutions for cross-cutting science issues.
- **Providing Integrative and Unified Office Research Priorities**
 - Provide strategic approach to research planning
 - Facilitate ORD-OPP interactions and communicates a consistent message to ensure research meets current programmatic priorities and reflects emerging issues.
- **Transitioning New Science Policies and Methods**
 - Evaluate the state-of-science and prepare programmatic plans for integrating and implementing new approaches.
 - Promote transition to and Integrated Approach to Testing and Assessment (IATA) aka 21st C Toxicology.
 - Promote the harmonization of human health and environmental risk assessment and testing strategies.

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Operating Procedures

- The SciPoc advises the Office Director, Division Directors, and Senior Staff
- Membership consists of Co-Chairs (Vicki Dellarco and Jennifer McLain) and ~20 senior staff. Others participate as needed depending on the issue. All divisions are represented.

Example Accomplishments

- Developed the “Integrated Approach to Testing and Assessment in the Pesticide Program” website (<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/science/testing-assessment.html>).
- Developed voluntary pilot program to evaluate use of a non-animal testing approach to EPA labeling for eye irritation for certain antimicrobial products with cleaning claims (<http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/>).