

Implementing the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act - Fiscal Year 2012

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Maintenance Fees

Pesticide Reevaluation Programs: Product Reregistration and Registration Review Accomplishments

Status of Product Reregistration

Overall Accomplishments

Product reregistration is EPA’s program for implementing reregistration eligibility decisions by ensuring that required risk reduction measures are reflected on pesticide product labels. The EPA has completed its review of the safety of pesticide active ingredients first registered before November 1984 through the reregistration program. The results of the EPA’s reviews are summarized in Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) documents available on the [Agency’s Chemical Search website](#) . After the EPA completed a RED for a pesticide active ingredient and declared it eligible for reregistration, individual end-use products that contained that active ingredient still were required to be reregistered.

As of the end of FY 2012, 24,583 pesticide products were subject to product reregistration. The EPA had completed decisions for 18,208 of these products and 6,375 products were awaiting decisions. The EPA expects to complete product reregistration for conventional pesticides in 2014.

FY 2012 Progress and Goals

During FY 2012, the EPA completed 1,284 product reregistration decisions. The EPA’s goal is to complete 1,200 product reregistration decisions in FY 2013.

Historical Product Reregistration Decisions

	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12
Products reregistered	77	53	78	104	169	529	679	603	484	373	186
Products amended	51	40	35	63	40	80	205	292	40	460	980
Products cancelled	186	213	14	342	297	370	309	869	1,188	379	92
Products suspended	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	5	6	6	26
TOTAL	314	311	127	509	506	979	1,196	1,769	1,718	1,218	1,284

REDs with Product Reregistration Decisions Completed

As of the end of FY 2012, the EPA had completed product reregistration decisions for 258 REDs (out of a total of 384 REDs). These 258 REDs include 29 of the 31 organophosphates.

Status of Registration Review

Overall Status

The EPA is reevaluating pesticides primarily through the [registration review program](#). Through registration review, as mandated by FIFRA Section 3(g), the EPA is reviewing each registered pesticide every 15 years to determine whether it continues to meet the statutory standard for registration, that is, to make sure that the pesticide can still be used without unreasonable adverse effects on human health and the environment. Registration review thus ensures that as the ability to assess risk evolves and as policies and practices change, all pesticides in the marketplace can still be used safely.

The EPA is continuing to meet all registration review targets consistent with overall program objectives. At the end of FY 2012, out of a universe of over 700 registration review cases including over 1,100 pesticide active ingredients, over 370 cases were past the docket opening stage, over 320 cases were past the Final Work Plan stage, and 35 registration review final decisions had been issued.

FY 2012 Accomplishments

During FY 2012, the pace of registration review continued to accelerate. 79 new dockets were opened by three pesticide registering divisions. These divisions completed 70 Final Work Plans and 5 registration review final decisions.

Registration Review Progress FY 2007 – FY 2012

Fiscal Year	Dockets Opened	Final Work Plans Completed	Final Decisions Completed
FY 2007	25	13	--
FY 2008	46	34	3
FY 2009	70	61	9
FY 2010	75	70	10
FY 2011	81	75	8
FY 2012	79	70	5
TOTAL	376	323	35

In FY 2012, the EPA continued to open dockets for new registration review cases at the pace that must be maintained for the next five years in order to finish the initial 15-year cycle on schedule in 2022.

Schedule for FY 2013 and Beyond

The EPA plans to issue an [updated schedule](#) for the registration review program in early 2013. The new schedule will lay out the timeline for opening dockets for the next four years of the program, from 2013 through 2016, and will include information on dockets that opened in FY 2007 through FY 2012. The schedule reflects the EPA's plan to open at least 70 new dockets each year through 2017. This keeps the agency on track to complete the first 15-year cycle of registration review by October 1, 2022, for all pesticides registered as of October 1, 2007. The EPA plans to continue to update the registration review schedule at least annually.

Registration review cases for which Final Work Plans have been developed are proceeding through the Data Call-In process toward the acquisition of data needed to produce risk assessments consistent with current science, policies and regulatory requirements. The agency anticipates publishing additional preliminary risk assessments for public comment and completing additional final decisions during FY 2013.