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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Regional Pesticide Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Extension of the FY 2011-2013 Joint OPP/OECA Cooperative Agreement  
Guidance

As we discussed during our recent conference call, on November 8, 2012, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer issued a memo setting out an agency goal of awarding STAG State Continuing Environmental Program Grant funds that were made available under the FY 2013 Continuing Resolution (CR) by February 7, 2013, to the maximum extent practicable. To reach this goal, many regions will need to negotiate cooperative agreements for the next grant funding cycle much earlier than is typically done. While the planned FY 2014-2016 Joint OPP/OECA Cooperative Agreement Guidance is currently being drafted, it will not be available in time to use for these early cooperative agreements negotiations. Therefore, we have decided to extend the FY 2011-2013 OPP/OECA Cooperative Agreement Guidance to serve as guidance for regions, states and tribes when negotiating FY 2014 cooperative agreements and workplans.

While we have been encouraging the use of multi-year agreements, Regions should not use the extended FY 2011-2013 Guidance to negotiate cooperative agreements and workplans beyond FY 2014. This will allow us to implement the revised cooperative agreement guidance for use with the FY 2015-2017 cooperative agreements, as well as for FY 2014 agreements that are negotiated after the revised guidance is issued. We do encourage multi-year agreements and workplans that coincide with that timeframe when that new guidance is available. The new cooperative agreement guidance is now expected early this summer.

If you have any questions regarding this extension of the FY 2011-2013 Guidance, please contact either Dan Helfgott at 703-308-8054 for pesticide program questions or Julie Simpson at 202-566-1980 for pesticide enforcement related questions.

Thank you