

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

PESTICIDE PROGRAM DIALOGUE COMMITTEE

1. Advisory Committee's Official Designation:

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

2. Authority:

The authority to re-establish the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) is provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. §§ 1001–1014. The PPDC is in the public interest and supports EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act; the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act; the amendments to both of these major pesticide laws by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996; and the Pesticide Registration Improvement Renewal Act.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is entrusted with the important responsibilities of ensuring that Americans are not exposed to unsafe levels of pesticides in food, protecting Americans from unreasonable risk, educating pesticide applicators and others who may be exposed to pesticides, and protecting the environment, special ecosystems, and wildlife from potential risks posed by pesticides.

The PPDC will provide policy advice, information and recommendations to EPA. The PPDC will provide a cooperative public forum to collaboratively discuss a wide variety of pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and policy issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides.

4. Description of Duties:

The major duties of the PPDC are to provide policy advice, information and recommendations on:

- a. Developing practical, protective approaches for addressing pesticide regulatory policy, program implementation, environmental, technical, economic, and other policy issues; and
- b. Reviewing proposed modifications to OPP's current policies and procedures, including the technical and economic feasibility of any proposed regulatory changes to the current process of registering and reevaluating pesticides.

5. Agency or Federal Officer Receiving the Advisory Committee's Advice/Recommendations:

The PPDC will provide policy advice, information and recommendations, and report to EPA Administrator, through the Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

6. Support:

Support will be provided by the Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:

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- a. Federal personnel (based on full-time equivalent (FTE) usage basis) and other Federal internal costs. The estimated annual person years of staff support required is 0.7, at an estimated annual cost of \$85,000. The estimate for other Federal internal costs is \$5,000.
- b. Members are not paid.
- c. There are no reimbursable costs.

8. Designated Federal Officer:

The Administrator must appoint an officer or employee of the EPA, who must be either full-time or permanent part-time, to be the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the PPDC and any subcommittees, and the DFO must:

- a. Ensure their advisory committee activities comply with the FACA, FACA Final Rule, their agency administrative procedures, and any other applicable laws and regulations;
- b. Approve or call all meetings of the advisory committee or subcommittee;
- c. Approve the agenda;
- d. Attend all advisory committee and subcommittee meetings for their duration;
- e. Fulfill the requirements under § 10(b) of the Act (codified at 5 U.S.C. 1009(b));
- f. Adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines it to be in the public interest;
- g. Chair any meeting when so directed by the Administrator;
- h. Maintain information on advisory committee activities and provide such information to the public, as applicable; and
- i. Ensure advisory committee members and subcommittee members, as applicable, receive the appropriate training (e.g., FACA overview, ethics training) for efficient operation and compliance with the Act and FACA Final Rule.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

The PPDC expects to meet approximately two (2) times a year. Meetings may occur approximately once every six (6) months or as needed and approved by the DFO.

As required by FACA, the PPDC will hold open meetings unless the Administrator determines that a meeting or a portion of a meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c).

10. Duration

The need for this committee is continuing, subject to the termination section below.

11. Termination:

This charter will be in effect for two years from the date it is filed with Congress. After this two-year period, the charter may be renewed as authorized in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 1013.

12. Membership and Designation:

The PPDC will be composed of no more than twenty-one (21) members. Members will serve as Representative members of non-Federal interests or Regular Government Employees (RGEs). If needed, members may be appointed to serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs). Representative members are selected to represent the points of view held by specific organizations, associations, or classes of individuals. In selecting members, the EPA will consider candidates from pesticide user, grower and commodity groups; consumer and environmental/public interest groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide industry and trade associations; State, local and Tribal governments; Federal government; academia; the general public; and animal welfare and public health organizations.

13. Subcommittees:

EPA, or the PPDC with EPA's approval, may form subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered committee and must report their recommendations and advice to the chartered PPDC for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered committee nor can they report directly to EPA.

14. Recordkeeping:

The records of the committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the committee, will be handled in accordance with NARA General Records Schedule 6.2 and EPA Records Schedule 1024 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. Subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, these records will be available for public inspection and copying, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 1009(b).

15. Filing Date:

March 17, 2026
Agency Approval Date

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