

# Implementing the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act - Fiscal Year 2015

## Twelfth Annual Report



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## Pesticide Registration Service Fees

### Accomplishments

#### Pesticide Worker Protection

Under FIFRA Section 33(c)(3)(B), the EPA is authorized to use 1/17 of the amount of the Pesticide Registration Fund (but not less than \$1 million) to enhance current scientific and regulatory activities related to worker protection and \$500,000 in each fiscal year, 2013 through 2017, for funding of the Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP).

The agency worked closely with worker safety stakeholders through the agency's Federal Advisory Committee, the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC), to determine which activities to enhance with PRIA funds. Based on the advice of the PPDC, the agency decided to develop enhancements within the following focus areas: Prevention - Safety Training, Response - Poisoning Recognition, Sound Decision Data, and Inform - Risk Management. [Table 1](#) lists the activities funded and their accomplishments in FY 2015.

In FY'16 and beyond four new cooperative agreements will support worker protection and certification programs. New contracts are also being competed to support outreach for the revised Worker Protection Standard (WPS). Annual funding amounts for all agreements and contracts will depend on the budget available each year. The activities listed below will be funded in part with registration service fees and in part from congressional appropriations.



- **national farmworker training**
  - recipient to develop and administer a pesticide safety training program for farmworkers, their families and other members of the agricultural community to protect farmworkers and handlers from pesticide related illness and injury.
  - \$2,500,000 maximum over 5 years (approx. \$500K/year)
  - Selected recipient is the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
    - Primarily focus is WPS Training to farmworkers and handlers
    - Training programs in approximately 30 states
    - Workplan includes WPS Train-the-Trainer
    - Capacity to develop/revise WPS Training materials
  - Awarded in October 2015
  
- **pesticide resource development**
  - The recipient will coordinate the development of materials and resources for EPA’s partners and stakeholders to conduct outreach and education on the safe use of pesticides by applicators and handlers in agricultural, commercial and residential settings.
  - \$5,000,000 maximum over 5 years (approx. \$1M/year)
  - Focus on WPS and Certification-related materials
  - First year focus anticipated on WPS-related materials, to develop or revise
  - Recipient to assess needs
  - Committee/board anticipated to be formed
  
- **meeting support and facilitation**
  - The recipient will coordinate meetings, workshops and conferences to collaborate on programs and activities to advance the safe use of pesticides
  - \$2,500,000 maximum over 5 years (approx. \$300-700K/year)
  - Focus on collaboration for both the WPS and Certification rules
  - First year workplan anticipates focus on WPS topics
  - Workplan includes Certification & Training Assessment Group and pesticide applicator certification and training (PACT)-related meetings
  - PACT Workshop to be scheduled for 2017 and 2019
  - Meetings may be co-sponsored by EPA and/or other organizations (e.g., university)
  - No federal travel can be funded
  
- **pesticide safety education program funds distribution**
  - Pesticide applicators receive training and education on how to use restricted use pesticides safely. These Pesticide Safety Education Programs (PSEPs) are generally administered by State Cooperative Extension Services at Land Grant Universities. The recipient will establish a system to distribute funds to PSEPs.
  - \$5,000,000 maximum over 5 years (approx. \$1M/year)
  - Funds will support initial and recertification of pesticide applicators
  
- **new contracts**
  - Revised WPS outreach to Hispanic audience
    - Target audience to be Hispanic farmworkers
    - e.g., radio PSAs, videos and pamphlets
    - Translation capability (Spanish, Mixteco)
    - 1 year contract, renewable up to 5 years

- Revised WPS outreach & marketing to other audiences
  - Supports other outreach
  - Broader reach – farmworkers, growers
  - E.g., projects, Videos, fact sheets, campaigns
  - 1 year contract, renewable up to 5 years
  
- Certification Program & Reporting Database (CPARD) Maintenance
  - Databases to be hosted and maintained by an EPA contractor
  - Was developed and maintained under Natl. Assoc. of State Departments of Agriculture Research Foundation cooperative agreements, and their contractor, Washington State University (WSU)
  - Transfer of database from WSU to EPA underway
  - Anticipated completion date in Winter or Spring 2016