

# Implementing the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act - Fiscal Year 2018

## Fifteenth Annual Report



**Table 2**  
**PRIA Funded Pesticide Partnership Activities in FY 2018**

<p><b>Partnership Cooperative Agreement</b></p> <p><b>National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)</b></p> <p><b>Oregon State University</b></p> <p><b>\$500,000</b></p>	<p>NPIC responds to public inquiries regarding pesticide related issues such as pesticide product usage, pest identification, health effects, and enforcement contacts. The program provides unbiased, accurate information and responses to inquiries through a toll-free, bi-lingual telephone information service, an extensive website, and individual outreach and training.</p> <p>General pesticide-related inquiries, including questions on the risks associated with a pesticide, usage restrictions, and local contact information for enforcement of pesticide regulations are addressed by trained experts in toxicology, environmental health and science, public health, and veterinary medicine.</p> <p>Callers contacting the program regarding medical or veterinary emergencies are promptly relayed to appropriate poison control programs for emergency medical assistance. Suspected non-emergency cases of a potentially adverse effect from pesticide exposures are offered a rapid response, including risk mitigation information and enforcement contacts when appropriate.</p> <p>NPIC also provides a route for veterinarians, clinicians, state environmental, agricultural and public health offices, consumers, parents, researchers and members of the public to report suspected pesticide incidents to a national database. NPIC provides data and analysis of inquiries and potential incidents to EPA for national pesticide surveillance efforts, enforcement priority setting and EPA risk assessment analysis.</p> <p>In 2018, NPIC staff responded to over 10,000 inquiries. While most inquiries came from members of the general public, NPIC receives inquiries from medical professionals, government/enforcement agencies, health agencies and pesticide retailers. The NPIC website received over 6.9 million-page views representing over 7% increase over the same period last year.</p>
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