

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

PESTICIDE PROGRAM DIALOGUE COMMITTEE

1. **Committee's Official Designation (Title):**

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

2. **Authority:**

This charter renews the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2. The PPDC is in the public interest and supports the 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:**

The 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 and special ecosystems from potential risks posed by pesticides.

The PPDC is a policy-oriented committee that will provide policy advice, information and recommendations to the 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 Official to Whom the Committee Reports:

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

6. Support:

The EPA will be responsible for financial and administrative support. Within the EPA, this 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:

The estimated annual operating cost of the PPDC is \$250,000, which includes 1.5 staff years of support.

8. Designated Federal Officer:

A full-time or permanent part-time employee of the EPA will be appointed as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO or a designee will be present at all of the meetings of the advisory committee and subcommittees. Each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved in advance by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so, and will chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the committee reports.

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. The EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses when determined necessary and appropriate.

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). Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the committee as time permits and file comments with the PPDC.

10. Duration

Continuing.

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 Section 14 of FACA.

12. Membership and Designation:

The PPDC will be composed of up to forty (40) members. Members will generally 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; animal welfare and public health organizations. The Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs will serve as Chair.

13. Subcommittees:

The EPA, or the PPDC with the 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 the 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 the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

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