



**Implementing the Pesticide Registration
Improvement**

Act - Fiscal Year 2018

Fifteenth Annual Report

Maintenance Fees

Accomplishments

Inert Ingredients

Inert Ingredient Actions under PRIA

FIFRA section 33(k)(2)(F) requires EPA to report the progress in carrying out the review of inert ingredients. Under PRIA 3, all new requests for approval of inert ingredients became subject to registration service fee requirements, and ten new PRIA categories were established specific to inert ingredient approvals. The Inert Ingredients team in the Chemistry, Inerts, and Toxicology Assessment Branch (CITAB) of the Registration Division, reviews inert ingredient clearance requests. Consisting of 5 employees at the end of FY' 18, Inerts team staff are supplemented with staff in other pesticide regulatory groups as needed, particularly to review inert ingredients associated with biopesticide and antimicrobial products.

At the end of FY' 17, 44 inert applications carried over into FY' 18. In FY' 18, 48 inert ingredient requests were received as covered PRIA 3 applications. In FY' 18, 39 inert ingredient approval decisions were completed, and at the end of FY' 18, 53 inert ingredient approval requests were pending in various stages of review.

Process Improvement in Inert Ingredient Reviews

The agency is continuing work with submitters to help ensure that all inert clearance submissions under PRIA are complete and of high quality, thereby allowing the agency to more efficiently and effectively review the submissions. Many submitters have had pre-submission consultations with the agency where questions regarding submission content can be addressed in advance of a formal PRIA submission.

EPA has continued to make updates to [InertFinder](#), an online database for searching substances used as inert ingredients in pesticide products. InertFinder, which is searchable by chemical name or CAS Registry Number, provides information on the approval status of substances used as inert ingredients for use in food use and nonfood use pesticides, including fragrances in pesticide products, and is available on the agency's website at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/inert-ingredients-overview-and-guidance#inertfinder>. Similarly, EPA has updated "The List of Trade Names of Inert Ingredients" <http://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=inertfinder:mixtures> website to further enhance public access to information related to the EPA approval status of trade name inert ingredients used in pesticide products. Both InertFinder and The List of Trade Names of Inert Ingredients are useful resources for applicants and have been demonstrated to improve the quality of registration applications submitted to the agency.