



# OVERVIEW OF EPA PESTICIDE REGISTRATION

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# Topics



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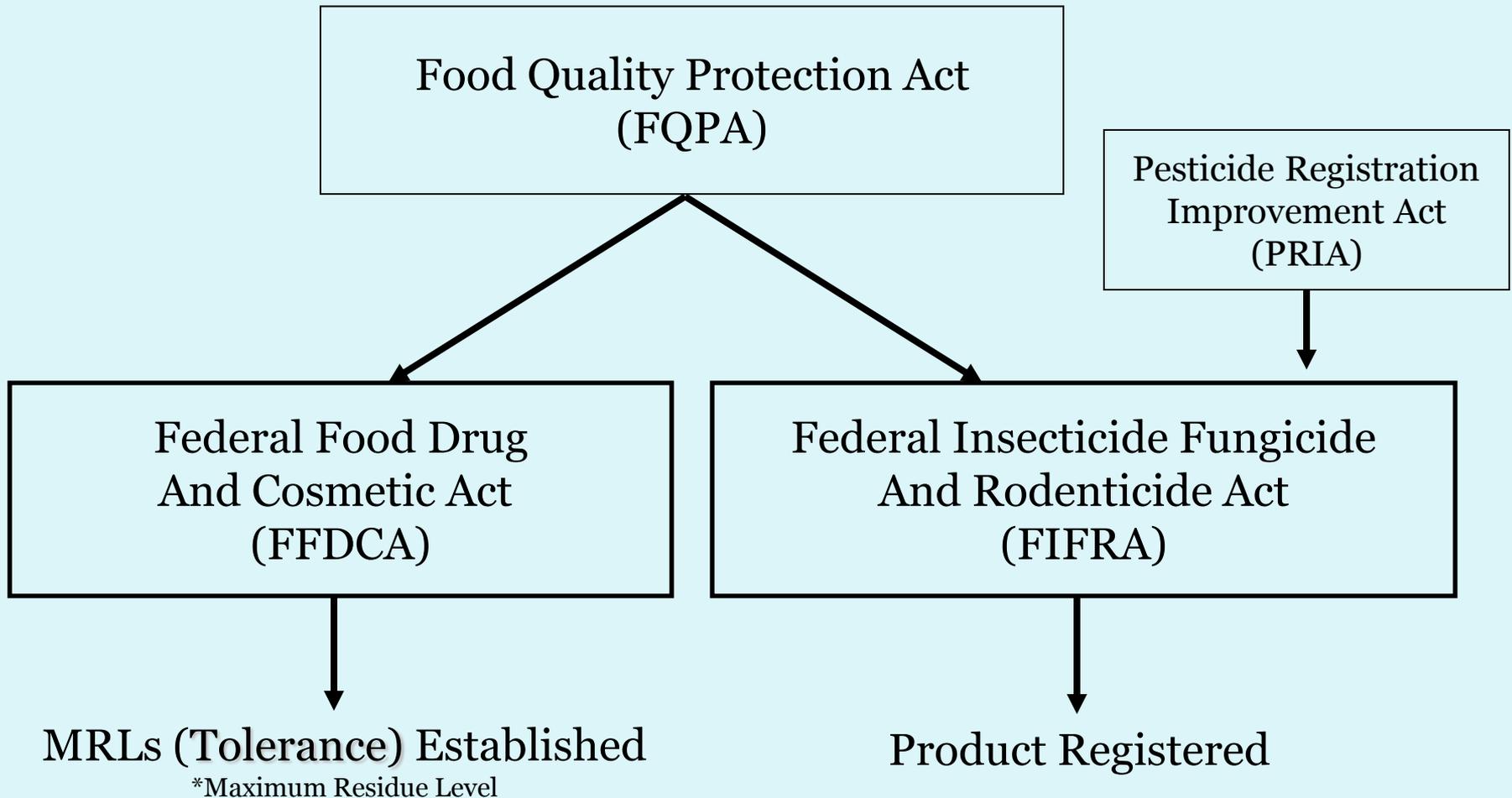
# Regulatory Framework

# Pesticide Registration Program



- EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (**OPP**) mission:
  - ✦ Protect public health and the environment by ensuring pesticides and alternatives are safe and available for a healthy America.
- OPP must approved all pesticide products before they can be sold and used in the US.
- By law, EPA must act on all pesticide registration applications that it receives.

# Federal Pesticide Laws



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# Scope of U.S. Registrations



- **1,200** active ingredients
- **16,000** products
  - **1,000** Restricted Use Products (RUP)
- **16,000** tolerances (MRLs)



# Data Requirements

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- 40 CFR 158
- Data requirements depend on the proposed use(s):
  - Requirements vary by type of chemical: antimicrobial, biopesticide, and conventional
  - Requirements depend on use (food involves more data than non-food)
- Hundreds of studies may be required to register a pesticide, including:
  - Product Chemistry
  - Toxicology and Health Effects
  - Applicator and Post-Application Exposure
  - Residue Chemistry
  - Environmental Fate
  - Ecotoxicity
  - Efficacy

# Product Chemistry



- Identity and composition
  - All ingredients: active pesticide, inerts, impurities
- Manufacturing process
  - Identify the potential for impurities
- Physical and chemical properties
  - Determine physical and chemical hazards on label
- Analytical methods
  - Used for enforcement analyses

# “Other” (inert) Ingredients



- All inerts must be approved by the Agency.
- EPA regulates the entire product formulation. All ingredients, including inerts, must meet the standard for registration.
- Inert ingredients in pesticide products used on food and feed crops, agricultural commodities, or livestock must have a tolerance or tolerance exemption.

# Health Effects



- Toxicology
- Residues
- Exposure

# Environmental Effects



- Ecological Toxicity
- Environmental fate
- Non-target exposure

# Efficacy

## Data must be Submitted For Certain Pests



Pesticide Registration Notice 2002-1



# Proposed Labeling



- Uses on label determine the data which is required.
- Label directions for use define some parameters in risk assessment



# Registration Process

# Types of Registration Applications



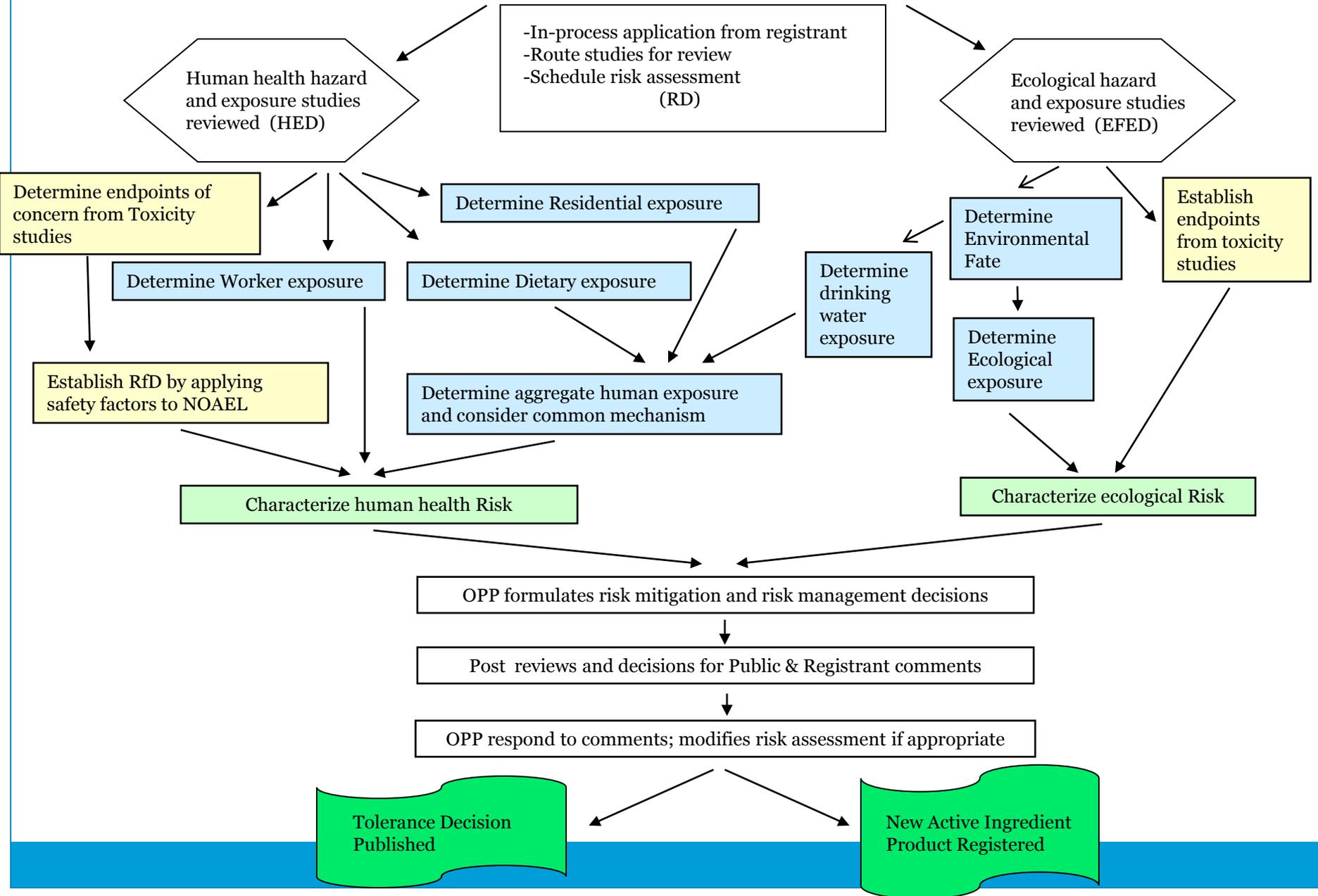
Type	PRIA Application Fee	Review Timeframe
New active ingredient	\$200-600 K	14-24 months
New use	\$20-400 K	6-21 months
New product	\$2-12 K	4-12 months
Label amendments (data based)	\$4-12 K	4-9 months
Label amendments (text)	\$0	3 months

# OPP Registration Process: Risk Assessment & Risk Management



1. Registrant develops a pesticide, conducts studies, and submits a registration application.
2. OPP risk assessors review studies and assess risk.
3. OPP risk managers make registration decision based on the risk analyses, benefits, and any adverse incident information.

# OPP Registration Process (new a.i.)



# Transparency and Public Process



- Transparency and public participation are critical.
- OPP began implementing public participation process in October, 2009 for the following types of applications:
  - new active ingredients;
  - first food use;
  - first outdoor use;
  - first residential use; and
  - other actions of significant interest.

# Transparency and Public Process



- OPP reviews, proposed labels, and proposed OPP decision are posted in a Docket (available via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)).
- The general public and the registrants may submit comments during a defined time period.
- OPP reviews and writes a response to comments (which itself is then posted in the Docket).
- Risk assessments and regulatory decision may be revised based on comments.

# Result – EPA accepted Labeling



- Label defines where and how to use the product including limitations to use.
- EPA approves the “master label” which defines all uses for product label. This may be subset into several labels for state registration.

# The Label is the Law



**PRODUCT NAME**

<b>DIRECTIONS FOR USE</b> It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. _____ _____	<b>KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN DANGER</b>
<b>PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARD TO HUMANS (AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS) DANGER</b> _____ _____	<b>FIRST AID</b> (STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT) IF SWALLOWED _____ IF INHALED _____ IF IN EYES _____ IF ON SKIN _____
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS</b> _____ _____	<b>ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:</b> _____ % <b>OTHER (INERT) INGREDIENTS:</b> _____ % <b>TOTAL:</b> _____ 100.00%
<b>PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL HAZARDS</b> _____ _____	<b>THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS XX LBS. OF XXXX PER GALLON</b> <b>WARRANTY STATEMENT</b> _____ _____
<b>STORAGE AND DISPOSAL</b>	<b>MANUFACTURER'S ADDRESS</b> _____ _____
<b>STORAGE</b> _____	<b>NET WT. / NET CONTENTS STATEMENT:</b> _____
<b>DISPOSAL</b> _____	<b>EPA Registration No. / EPA Reg. No:</b> _____
	<b>EPA Establishment No. / EPA Est. No:</b> _____

- EPA Registration Number
- Establishment Number
- Directions for Use
- Signal Word
- First Aid
- Ingredients Statement
- Precautionary Statements
- Hazards Statements
- Environmental Hazards
- Physical or Chemical Hazards
- Storage and Disposal
- Warranty Statement
- Net Contents

*Labeling requirements are product-specific, and are informed by the data.*

Label Review Manual: <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/labeling/lrm>





# Usage Data

# When is usage data used



- Screening Level Risk Assessment
  - Conservative
  - Based on proposed label (max rate, max # apps/year, etc)
  - 100% crop treated
  
- Refined Risk Assessment
  - Based on usage data
  - Percent Crop Treated
  - Typical use rates
  - Typical application rate
  - Typical # applications/year, et al

# Usage data examined by



- **Biological & Economic Analysis Div (BEAD)**
- Environmental Fate & Effects Div (EFED)
- Health Effects Div (HED)

# Screening Level Usage Analysis (SLUA)



- Inputs to dietary exposure assessment
- National agricultural usage data by a.i.
  - ✦ crops treated
  - ✦ pounds applied
  - ✦ percent crop treated (PCT) (avg and max)
- Published in Final Rules & EPA Dockets
  
- **Recipients:** RD, HED, SRRD, EFED, BEAD

# Projected Percent Crop Treated (PPCT)



- Inputs to dietary exposure assessments
- Forecast of the % of a crop that will be treated (new a.i. or new use)
- Methodology (market leader approach) developed in BEAD
  - ✦ Based on the Market Leader Analysis conducted in 2006
- Published in Final Rules
- **Recipients: RD, HED**

# State-level Usage Reports



- Inputs to Drinking Water Risk Assessment
  - Average application rate
  - Typical number of applications
  - Application timing
  - Total acres treated
  - Maximum application rate per acre
- **Recipients: EFED, BEAD**

# Production Data (CBI)



- Reports contains:
  - How much of a chemical is produced by a.i. or product (registration number)
- **Recipients:** RD, SRRD, HED, BPPD, AD,

# Data Sources: Proprietary



- GfK Kynetec AgroTrak (Doane)
- SIGMA (*Strategic Information for Global Markets in Agrochemicals*)
- Kline & Company (non-ag) studies
- Section 7 Tracking System (SSTS) Production Data

# Data Sources: Public



- USDA NASS
- California DPR
- NPUD (*National Pesticide Use Database*),  
*CropLife Foundation*

# Challenges



- Rising cost of primary usage data sources
- Outdated data
- Lack of regional or national usage data
- Common limitations (esp. non-ag)
  - Only one proprietary source
  - Lack of periodic updates
  - Data for several a.i.'s grouped together
  - No information on treatments of commodities

# Incident Data



- Adverse non-target effect due to pesticides
- 80,000 incidents reported / year tracked in database (IDS)
- Majority reported by registrant under FIFRA 6(a)(2); others reported by public or enforcement
- Data examined:
  - Post-registration reviews (Registration Review)
  - Emerging hot topics (pet collars)
- Patterns of unintended problems or intentional misuse may result in changes to registration.

# Additional Information - Data Requirements



- Data requirements are listed in 40 CFR Part 158.  
<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=b554cfeeee1568ccd5319444fccdf025&rgn=div5&view=text&node=40:25.0.1.1.9&idno=40>

# Additional Information – Registration Process



- Pesticide Registration Kit & Forms.  
<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/registrationkit/>
- Pesticide Registration Manual (Blue Book).  
<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/bluebook/>
- PRIA (fee schedule, fee determination, waivers, refunds).  
<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/fees/>
- Data Requirements Checklist.  
[http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/fees/data\\_require\\_check.htm](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/fees/data_require_check.htm)
- Examples of Completed Registration Forms.  
<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/bluebook/appendix-d.html>

# Additional Information - Labeling



- Label Review Manual.  
<http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/labeling/lrm/>
- Pesticide Product Labels Webpage.  
<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/labels/product-labels.htm>
- Pesticide Registration Notices.  
[http://www.epa.gov/PR\\_Notices/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/PR_Notices/index.htm)



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**Thank you!**

**Questions?**