Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)

The objective of FIFRA is to provide federal control of pesticide distribution, sale, and use. All pesticides used in the United States must be registered (licensed) by EPA.

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First enacted into law in 1947 (primary focus on efficacy)

Initially administered by U.S. Department of Agriculture

Transferred to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency upon its creation (public health and environmental protection) -- Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1972

Has been amended numerous times; most recently & significantly by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996

Massive data requirements – Company provides data & pays fee

Pesticides registered and regulated by use

Some regulatory responsibilities delegated to States
Hazard & Benefit Assessments under FIFRA

- Risk Assessment
  - Health Effects
  - Environmental Effects
- Exposure Assessment
  - Monitoring Studies
- Benefit Analyses
  - Economic Determinations
  - Viability of Alternatives

“Pesticide use must provide more benefits than risks”
  or in current terms
  “EPA must find that a pesticides poses a "reasonable certainty of no harm" before that pesticide can be registered for use on food or feed”
* Overview: properly labeled pesticides, if used in accordance with specifications, will not cause unreasonable harm to public health or the environment

* Tolerances and Exemptions (Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act)
* Registration of New Pesticides
* Special Local Needs (24(c)) Registrations
* Emergency Exemption From Registrations (Section 18)
* Restricted-Use Classification and Certification of Applicators
* Reregistration of Pesticides
* Labeling Requirements
* Worker Protection Standards for Agricultural Pesticides
* Cancellation and Suspension of Pesticide Registrations
* Pesticide Imports and Exports
* Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments
* Plant Incorporated Protectant Rule
* Pesticide Container and Containment Rule
How Is EPA Organized to Administer FIFRA?

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FIFRA Regulation – An Open Process

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