

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0484; FRL-8458-4]

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Environmental Research (NCER) Standing Subcommittee Meeting—2007**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) National Center for Environmental Research (NCER) Standing Subcommittee.

DATES: The meeting (a teleconference call) will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All times noted are eastern time. The meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests for the draft agenda or for making oral presentations at the conference call will be accepted up to 1 business day before the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Participation in the meeting will be by teleconference only—meeting rooms will not be used. Members of the public may obtain the call-in number and access code for the call from Susan Peterson, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER**

INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0484, by one of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov*: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail*: Send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: *ORD.Docket@epa.gov*, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0484.

- *Fax*: Fax comments to: (202) 566-0224, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0484.

- *Mail*: Send comments by mail to: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Environmental Research (NCER) Standing Subcommittee—2007 Docket, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0484.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier*: Deliver comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room B102, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0484. Note:

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Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0484. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at *http://www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through *http://www.regulations.gov* or e-mail. The *http://www.regulations.gov* Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through *http://www.regulations.gov*, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

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Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the *http://www.regulations.gov* index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in *http://www.regulations.gov* or in hard copy at the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Environmental Research (NCER) Standing Subcommittee—2007 Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open

from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer via mail at: Susan Peterson, Mail Code 8104-R, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-1077; via fax at: (202) 565-2911; or via e-mail at: *peterson.susan@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**General Information**

Participation in the meeting will be by teleconference only—meeting rooms will not be used. Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number and access code to participate in the conference call may contact Susan Peterson, the Designated Federal Officer, via any of the contact methods listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above, by 4 working days prior to the conference call.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide follow-up to the subcommittee from the July 24–25, 2007 face-to-face meeting. Proposed agenda items for the conference call include, but are not limited to: presentations on ORD communications, and discussion of the charge questions to subcommittee. The conference call is open to the public.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Susan Peterson at (202) 564-1077 or *peterson.susan@epa.gov*. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Susan Peterson, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: August 15, 2007.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-1005; FRL-8149-5]

Pesticide Reregistration Performance Measures and Goals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's progress in meeting its performance measures and goals for pesticide reregistration during fiscal year 2006. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires EPA to publish information about EPA's annual achievements in this area. This notice discusses the integration of tolerance reassessment with the reregistration process, and describes the status of various regulatory activities associated with reregistration and tolerance reassessment. The notice gives total numbers of chemicals and products reregistered, tolerances reassessed, Data Call-Ins issued, and products registered under the "fast-track" provisions of FIFRA. This notice also contains the schedule for completion of activities for specific chemicals during fiscal years 2007 through 2008.

DATES: This notice is not subject to a formal comment period. Nevertheless, EPA welcomes input from stakeholders and the general public. Written comments, identified by the docket ID number [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-1005], should be received on or before October 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-1005, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Delivery:* OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-1005. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information

Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The www.regulations.gov website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be captured automatically and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/docket.htm/>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information***A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be

of particular interest to persons who are interested in the progress and status of EPA's pesticide reregistration and tolerance reassessment programs, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through EDOCKET, www.regulations.gov, or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date, and page number).
- ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns, and suggest alternatives.
- vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity, obscene language, or personal threats.
- viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline.

II. Background

EPA must establish and publish in the **Federal Register** its annual performance measures and goals for pesticide

reregistration, tolerance reassessment, and expedited registration, under section 4(l) of FIFRA, as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). Specifically, such measures and goals are to include:

- The status of reregistration.
- The number of products reregistered, canceled, or amended.
- The number and type of data requests or Data Call-In (DCI) notices under section 3(c)(2)(B) issued to support product reregistration by active ingredient.
- Progress in reducing the number of unreviewed, required reregistration studies.
- The aggregate status of tolerances reassessed.
- The number of applications for registration submitted under subsection (k)(3) (which provides for expedited processing and review of similar applications), that were approved or disapproved.
- The future schedule for reregistrations in the current and succeeding fiscal year.
- The projected year of completion of the reregistrations under section 4.

FIFRA, as amended in 1988, authorizes EPA to conduct a comprehensive pesticide reregistration program—a complete review of the human health and environmental effects of older pesticides originally registered before November 1, 1984. Pesticides meeting today's scientific and regulatory standards may be declared "eligible" for reregistration. To be eligible, an older pesticide must have a substantially complete data base, and must not cause unreasonable adverse effects to human health or the environment when used according to Agency approved label directions and precautions.

In addition, all pesticides with food uses must meet the safety standard of section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) 21 U.S.C. 346a, as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. Under

FFDCA, EPA must make a determination that pesticide residues remaining in or on food are "safe"; that is, "that there is reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate exposure to the pesticide chemical residue" from dietary and other sources. In determining allowable levels of pesticide residues in food, EPA must perform a more comprehensive assessment of each pesticide's risks, considering:

- Aggregate exposure (from food, drinking water, and residential uses).
- Cumulative effects from all pesticides sharing a common mechanism of toxicity.
- Possible increased susceptibility of infants and children; and
- Possible endocrine or estrogenic effects.

As amended by FQPA, FFDCA required the reassessment of all existing tolerances (pesticide residue limits in food) and tolerance exemptions within 10 years, to ensure that they met the safety standard of the law. EPA was directed to give priority to the review of those pesticides that appeared to pose the greatest risk to public health, and to reassess 33% of the 9,721 existing tolerances and exemptions within 3 years (by August 3, 1999), 66% within 6 years (by August 3, 2002), and 100% in 10 years (by August 3, 2006). The Agency met the first two statutory deadlines and substantially met the third, completing over 99% of all required tolerance reassessment decisions by August 3, 2006. These decisions represent significant enhancements in public health and environmental protection. By successfully implementing FQPA, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides used on food in the United States meet the law's new, more stringent safety standard. EPA's approach to tolerance reassessment under FFDCA is described fully in the Agency's document, "Raw and Processed Food Schedule for Pesticide Tolerance Reassessment" (62

FR 42020, August 4, 1997) (FRL-5734-6). The Agency's accomplishments under FQPA during the past 10 years are discussed at http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/laws/fqpa/fqpa_accomplishments.htm.

The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) of 2003 became effective on March 23, 2004. Among other things, PRIA directed EPA to complete Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for pesticides with food uses/tolerances by August 3, 2006, and to complete all non-food use pesticide REDs by October 3, 2008. The Agency completed 99% of the REDs due by August 3, 2006, and plans to complete all remaining REDs by October 3, 2008. EPA's schedule for meeting these deadlines is available on the Agency's website at http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/decision_schedule.htm.

III. FQPA and Program Accountability

One of the hallmarks of the FQPA amendments to the FFDCA is enhanced accountability. Through this summary of performance measures and goals for pesticide reregistration, tolerance reassessment, and expedited registration, EPA describes progress made during the past year in each of the program areas included in FIFRA section 4(l).

A. Status of Reregistration

During fiscal year (FY) 2006 (from October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006), EPA made significant progress in completing risk assessments and risk management decisions for pesticide reregistration (See Table 1).

The Agency's decisions are embodied in Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) documents, Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (IREDs), and Reports on FQPA Tolerance Reassessment Progress and (Interim) Risk Management Decisions (TREDs).

TABLE 1.—REREGISTRATION/RISK MANAGEMENT DECISIONS COMPLETED: IN FY 2006 AND FY 1991 THROUGH FY 2006

FY 2006 Decisions	Total, FY 1991 through FY 2006
<p>59 FY 2006 REDs (37 REDs + 22 OP IREds became REDs) ADBAC Aliphatic alkyl quarternaries (DDAC) Aliphatic solvents Alkyl benzene sulfonates Atrazine (2003 IRED became a RED, 4-6-06) Cacodylic acid Chlorine dioxide Copper and oxides Copper compounds II Copper salts Copper sulfate Cypermethrin Dicamba Dichloran (DCNA) Imazapyr Inorganic chlorates (sodium chlorate) Inorganic sulfites Iodine Malathion (OP RED) MCPB Metaldehyde Methanearsonic acid, salts (DSMA, MSMA, CAMA) MGK-264 Mineral bases, weak (sodium carbonate) PCNB Permethrin 2-Phenylphenol and salts Phytophthora palmivora Piperonyl butoxide Propiconazole Propylene oxide Pyrethrins Resmethrin Salicylic acid Simazine (triazine RED) TCMTB Triadimefon 22 OP IREds became REDs on 7-31-06 Acephate Azinphos-methyl Bensulide Chlorpyrifos Diazinon Dichlorvos or DDVP Dicrotophos Dimethoate Disulfoton Ethoprop Methamidophos Methidathion Methyl Parathion Naled Oxydemeton-methyl (ODM) Phorate Phosmet Pirimiphos-methyl Profenofos Propetamphos Terbufos Tribufos (DEF)</p>	<p>330 REDs</p>
<p>4 IREds Carbofuran (N-methyl carbamate) Dichlorvos (DDVP) (OP IRED, became a RED on 7-31-06) Dimethoate (OP IRED, became a RED on 7-31-06) Formetanate HCl (N-methyl carbamate)</p>	<p>4 IREds</p>

TABLE 1.—REREGISTRATION/RISK MANAGEMENT DECISIONS COMPLETED: IN FY 2006 AND FY 1991 THROUGH FY 2006—Continued

FY 2006 Decisions	Total, FY 1991 through FY 2006
19 TREDs Acetochlor Amitraz Azadirachtin Bitertanol Boric acid group CP enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate Ethephon Ethylene oxide (ETO) (RED in FY 2007) Inert ingredients of semichemical dispensers Imazaquin Methyl bromide (commodity uses RED & TRED in FY 2006; soil fumigant uses RED in FY 2007) Neomycinphosphotransferase II Oxytetracycline Propazine Rotenone (RED in FY 2007) Sodium Cyanide Streptomycin Triadimenol Tridemorph	95 TREDs

1. *REDs*. Through the reregistration program, EPA is reviewing current scientific data for older pesticides (those initially registered before November 1984), reassessing their effects on human health and the environment, and requiring risk mitigation measures as necessary. Pesticides that have sufficient supporting data and whose risks can be successfully mitigated may be declared “eligible” for reregistration. EPA presents these pesticide findings in a RED document.

i. *Overall RED progress*. EPA’s overall progress at the end of FY 2006 in completing Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for groups of related pesticide active ingredients or cases is summarized in Table 2.

TABLE 2.—OVERALL RED PROGRESS, FY 1991 THROUGH FY 2006

REDs completed	330 (54%)
Cases canceled	229 (37%)
REDs to be completed	54 (9%)
Total reregistration cases	613 (100%)

ii. *Profile of completed REDs*. A profile of the REDs completed by the end of FY 2006 is presented in Table 3.

TABLE 3.—PROFILE OF 330 REDS COMPLETED, FY 1991 THROUGH FY 2006

Pesticide active ingredients	527
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TABLE 3.—PROFILE OF 330 REDS COMPLETED, FY 1991 THROUGH FY 2006—Continued

Pesticide products	over 20,000

iii. *Risk reduction in REDs*. Through the reregistration program, EPA seeks to reduce risks associated with the use of older pesticides. In developing REDs, EPA works with stakeholders including pesticide registrants, growers and other pesticide users, and environmental and public health interests groups, as well as the States, USDA, and other Federal agencies and others to develop measures to effectively reduce risks of concern. Almost every RED includes some measures or modifications to reduce risks. The options for such risk reduction are extensive and include voluntary cancellation of pesticide products or deletion of uses; declaring certain uses ineligible or not yet eligible (and then proceeding with follow-up action to cancel the uses or require additional supporting data); restricting use of products to certified applicators; limiting the amount or frequency of use; improving use directions and precautions; adding more protective clothing and equipment requirements; requiring special packaging or engineering controls; requiring no-treatment buffer zones; employing ground water, surface water, or other environmental and ecological safeguards; and other measures.

2. *Interim REDs or IREDs*. EPA issues IREDs for pesticides that are undergoing reregistration, require a reregistration

eligibility decision, and also must be included in a cumulative assessment under FQPA because they are part of a group of pesticides that share a common mechanism of toxicity. An IRED is issued for each individual pesticide in the cumulative group when EPA completes the pesticide’s risk assessment and interim risk management decision. An IRED may include measures to reduce risks from food, drinking water, residential, occupational, and/or ecological exposure while the cumulative risk assessment is pending. For example, EPA generally did not consider individual organophosphate (OP) pesticide decisions made in advance of the cumulative risk assessment to be completed REDs or tolerance reassessments. Instead, the Agency issued IREDs for these chemicals. EPA completed the risk assessments and reregistration eligibility decisions for those OP pesticides with IREDs, once the Agency completed the OP cumulative risk assessment on July 31, 2006. See <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/cumulative/>.

3. *Tolerance reassessment “TREDs.”* EPA issues Reports on FFDCA Tolerance Reassessment Progress and [Interim] Risk Management Decisions, known as TREDs, for pesticides that require tolerance reassessment decisions under FFDCA, but do not require a reregistration eligibility decision at present because:

- The pesticide was first registered after November 1, 1984, and is considered a “new” active ingredient, not subject to reregistration;

- EPA completed a RED for the pesticide before FQPA was enacted; or
- The pesticide is not registered for use in the U.S. but tolerances are established that allow crops treated with the pesticide to be imported from other countries.

As with IREDS, EPA does not complete risk assessment and risk management for pesticides subject to TREDs that are part of a cumulative group until cumulative risks have been considered for the group.

During FY 2006, EPA completed 19 TREDs. By August 3, 2006, EPA also completed tolerance assessment decisions for food use pesticide inert ingredients that are exempted from the tolerance requirement. Almost 900 of the 9,721 tolerance reassessment decisions required by the amended FFDCAs were for such inert ingredient tolerance exemptions.

As a result of the FQPA, food-contact surface sanitizing solutions previously regulated by both EPA and the Food and Drug Administration were transferred to EPA's sole jurisdiction. Consequently, the approximately 107 ingredients that made up these sanitizer solutions in 21 CFR 178.1010 were transferred to 40 CFR 180.940. In addition to reassessing the 9,721 tolerances and exemptions for food and feed commodities, EPA also was required to reassess these sanitizer tolerance exemptions by August 3, 2006. The Antimicrobials Division (AD) in EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs is responsible for reassessing exemptions from the requirement of a tolerance for the food-contact surface sanitizing solutions requiring reassessment. AD completed the reassessment of 120 tolerance exemptions in FY 2006, resulting in a total of 174 tolerance exemptions reassessed for the food-contact surface sanitizing solutions.

4. *Goals for FY 2007 and future years.* EPA's major pesticide reregistration and tolerance reassessment goals for FY 2007 and future years are as follows.

i. *Complete individual pesticide risk management decisions.* EPA's goal in conducting the reregistration program is to complete 6 remaining Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) and Interim REDs (IREDs) for pesticides with food uses and 19 REDs for pesticides with no food uses during FY 2007. The Agency plans to complete the remaining 29 non-food use REDs in FY 2008. EPA's schedule for completing these decisions appears near the end of this document, and also is available on the Agency's website at http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/decision_schedule.htm.

ii. *Complete tolerance reassessment decisions.* EPA completed over 99% of

all required tolerance reassessment decisions by August 3, 2006, the 10-year anniversary of FQPA. EPA expects to complete the N-methyl carbamate cumulative risk assessment and the Agency's final 84 tolerance reassessment decisions, thereby completing the FQPA tolerance reassessment program.

iii. *Evaluate cumulative risks.* EPA completed cumulative risk assessments for the organophosphate (OP), triazine, and chloroacetanilide pesticides during FY 2006. Once EPA completes an individual decision for aldicarb, the Agency will make a cumulative risk finding for the N-methyl carbamate common mechanism group of pesticides. No other groups are scheduled at present for cumulative risk assessments. For further information, see EPA's Assessing Pesticide Cumulative Risk web page, <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/cumulative/index.htm>.

B. Product Reregistration; Numbers of Products Reregistered, Canceled, and Amended

At the end of the reregistration process, after EPA has issued a RED and declared a pesticide reregistration case eligible for reregistration, individual end-use products that contain pesticide active ingredients included in the case still must be reregistered. This concluding part of the reregistration process is called "product reregistration."

In issuing a completed RED document, EPA sends registrants a Data Call-In (DCI) notice requesting any product-specific data and specific revised labeling needed to complete reregistration for each of the individual pesticide products covered by the RED. Based on the results of EPA's review of these data and labeling, products found to meet FIFRA and FFDCAs standards may be reregistered.

A variety of outcomes are possible for pesticide products completing this final phase of the reregistration process. Ideally, in response to the DCI notice accompanying the RED document, the pesticide producer, or registrant, will submit the required product-specific data and revised labeling, which EPA will review and find acceptable. At that point, the Agency may reregister the pesticide product. If, however, the product contains multiple active ingredients, the Agency instead issues an amendment to the product's registration, incorporating the labeling changes specified in the RED. A product with multiple active ingredients may not be fully reregistered until the last active ingredient in its formulation is

eligible for reregistration. In other situations, the Agency may temporarily suspend a product's registration if the registrant has not submitted required product-specific studies within the time frame specified. The Agency may cancel a product's registration because the registrant did not pay the required registration maintenance fee.

Alternatively, the registrant may request a voluntary cancellation of their end-use product registration.

1. *Product reregistration actions in FY 2006.* EPA counts each of the post-RED product outcomes described above as a product reregistration action. A single pesticide product may be the subject of several product reregistration actions within the same year. For example, a product's registration initially may be amended, then the product may be reregistered, and later the product may be voluntarily canceled, all within the same year. During FY 2006, EPA completed the product reregistration actions detailed in Table 4.

TABLE 4.—PRODUCT REREGISTRATION ACTIONS COMPLETED DURING FY 2006

Product reregistration actions	169
Product amendment actions	40
Product cancellation actions	297
Product suspension actions	0
Total actions	506

2. *Status of the product reregistration universe.* The status of the universe of pesticide products subject to reregistration at the end of FY 2006 is shown in Table 5 below. This overall status information is not "cumulative"—it is not derived from summing up a series of annual actions. Adding annual actions would result in a larger overall number since each individual product is subject to multiple actions—it can be amended, reregistered, and/or canceled, over time. Instead, the "big picture" status information in Table 5 should be considered a snapshot in time. As registrants and EPA make marketing and regulatory decisions in the future, the status of individual products may change, and numbers in this table are expected to fluctuate.

TABLE 5.—STATUS OF THE UNIVERSE OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO PRODUCT REREGISTRATION, FOR FY 2006 (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2006)

Products reregistered	2,063
Products amended	554

TABLE 5.—STATUS OF THE UNIVERSE OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO PRODUCT REREGISTRATION, FOR FY 2006 (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2006)—Continued

Products canceled	4,672
Products sent for suspension	30
Total products with actions completed	7,319
Products with actions pending	12,932
Total products in product reregistration universe	20,251

The universe of 20,251 products in product reregistration at the end of FY 2006 represented an increase of 8,638 products from the FY 2005 universe of 11,613 products. The increase consists of 8,613 products associated with FY 2006 REDs, IREDs, and TREDs, and 25 products that were added as a result of DCI activities and processing for several previously issued REDs and IREDs.

At the end of FY 2006, 12,932 products had product reregistration decisions pending. Some pending products await science reviews, label reviews, or reregistration decisions by EPA. Others are not yet ready for product reregistration actions, but they are associated with more recently

completed REDs. Their product-specific data are not yet due to be submitted to or reviewed by the Agency. EPA's goal is to complete 545 product reregistration actions during fiscal year 2007.

C. Number and Type of DCIs to Support Product Reregistration by Active Ingredient

1. *DCIs for REDs and IREDs.* The number and type of Data Call-In requests or DCIs that EPA is preparing to issue under FIFRA section 3(c)(2)(B) to support product reregistration for pesticide active ingredients included in FY 2006 REDs and IREDs are shown in Table 6.

TABLE 6.—DCIS ISSUED TO SUPPORT PRODUCT REREGISTRATION FOR FY 2006 REDS AND IREDs

Case Name	Case No.	Number of Products Covered by the RED ¹	Number of Product Chemistry Studies Required ²	Number of Acute Toxicology Studies Required ³	Number of Efficacy Studies Required
ADBAC	0350	1,047	PDCI has not been completed yet	Antimicrobial RED – Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Aliphatic Alkyl Quarternaries (DDAC)	3003	382	PDCI has not been completed yet	Antimicrobial RED – Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Aliphatic Solvents	3004	158	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Alkylbenzene Sulfonates	4006	20	0	Antimicrobial RED – Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	5
Cacodylic Acid	2080	36	31	See footnote 4 below	0
Chlorine Dioxide	4023	95	PDCI has not been completed yet	Antimicrobial RED – Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Copper Compounds II	0649	173	31	Needs batching	0
Copper and Oxides	4025	237	PDCI has not been completed yet	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Copper Salts	4026	38	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	0
Copper Sulfate	0636	127	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	0
Cypermethrin	2130	69	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet

TABLE 6.—DCIS ISSUED TO SUPPORT PRODUCT REREGISTRATION FOR FY 2006 REDS AND IREDS—Continued

Case Name	Case No.	Number of Products Covered by the RED ¹	Number of Product Chemistry Studies Required ²	Number of Acute Toxicology Studies Required ³	Number of Efficacy Studies Required
Dicamba	0065	448	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	0
Dichloran (DCNA)	0113	25	31	54 (1 batch/8 not batched)	0
Dichlorvos (DDVP)	0310	100	31	258 (20 batches/23 not batched)	PDCI has not been completed yet
Dimethoate	0088	54	31	96 (7 batches/9 not batched)	0
Formetantate HCL (IRED)	0091	6	31	36 (6 products not batched)	0
Imazapyr	3078	19	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	0
Inorganic Chlorates (Sodium Chlorate)	4049	58	31	156 (9 batches/17 not batched)	PDCI has not been completed yet
Inorganic Sulfites	4056	9	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	1
Iodine and Iodophor Complexes	3080	67	0	126 (12 batches/9 not batched)	9
Malathion	0248	153	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
MCPB and Salts	2365	5	31	24 (1 batch/3 not batched)	0
Metaldehyde	0576	52	31	102 (7 batches/10 not batched)	0
Methanearsonic acid, salts (Organic Arsenicals) (MSMA/DSMA/CAMA)	2395	129	See footnote 4 below	See footnote 4 below	See footnote 4 below
Methyl Bromide (RED/TRED)	0335	14	31	Not Applicable	1
MGK 264	2430	653	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Mineral Bases, Weak (Sodium Carbonate)	4066	4	PDCI has not been completed yet	Antimicrobial RED – Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
2-Phenylphenol and Salts (Orthophenyl Phenol)	2575	118	PDCI has not been completed yet	450 (22 batches/53 not batched)	PDCI has not been completed yet
PCNB	0128	82	31	270 (14 batches/31 not batched)	0

TABLE 6.—DCIs ISSUED TO SUPPORT PRODUCT REREGISTRATION FOR FY 2006 REDS AND IREDS—Continued

Case Name	Case No.	Number of Products Covered by the RED ¹	Number of Product Chemistry Studies Required ²	Number of Acute Toxicology Studies Required ³	Number of Efficacy Studies Required
Permethrin	2510	957	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Piperonyl Butoxide (PBO)	2525	1,451	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Propiconazole	3125	172	31	264 (14 batches/30 not batched)	0
Propylene Oxide (PPO)	2560	3	31	18 (3 not batched)	0
Pyrethrins	2580	1,286	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Resmethrin	0421	232	31	Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Simazine	0070	44	31	84 (8 batches/6 not batched)	0
TCMTB	2625	27	PDCI has not been completed yet	Antimicrobial RED – Acute toxicity batching not completed yet	PDCI has not been completed yet
Triadimefon	2700	56	31	102 (7 batches/10 not batched)	0
Total No. of Products	---	8,606	---	---	---

¹The number of registered products containing a pesticide active ingredient can change over time. The product total that appears in the RED document (counted when the RED is signed) may be different than the number of products that EPA is tracking for product reregistration (counted later, when the RED is issued). This table reflects the final number of products associated with each RED, as they are being tracked for product reregistration.

²This column shows the number of product chemistry studies that are required for each product covered by the RED.

³In an effort to reduce the time, resources, and number of animals needed to fulfill acute toxicity data requirements, EPA “batches” products that can be considered similar from an acute toxicity standpoint. For example, one batch could contain five products. In this instance, if six acute toxicology studies usually were required per product, only six studies (rather than 30 studies) would be required for the entire batch. Factors considered in the sorting process include each product’s active and inert ingredients (e.g., identity, percent composition, and biological activity), type of formulation (e.g., emulsifiable concentrate, aerosol, wettable powder, granular), and labeling (e.g., signal word, use classification, precautionary labeling). The Agency does not describe batched products as “substantially similar,” because all products within a batch may not be considered chemically similar or have identical use patterns. (Note: FIFRA section 24(c) or Special Local Need (SLN) registrations are not included in the acute toxicity batchings because they are supported by a valid parent product (section 3) registration.)

⁴Ineligible for reregistration; public comments under consideration. Depending on the Agency’s formal response to the public comments, PDCIs may or may not be required for these chemicals.

2. *DCIs for TREDs.* There are cases in which product-specific DCIs may be required for TREDs, particularly if the Agency believes that adequate product chemistry or acute toxicity data are not currently on file to support the reregistration of the products associated with the TREDs. The Agency is requiring product-specific DCIs for the following TRED:

TABLE 7.—DCIs ISSUED TO SUPPORT PRODUCT REREGISTRATION FOR FY 2006 TRED

Case Name	Case No.	Number of Products Covered by the TRED ¹	Number of Product Chemistry Studies Required ²	Number of Acute Toxicology Studies Required ³	Number of Efficacy Studies Required
Triadimenol	NA	7	31	42 (7 products not batched)	0

TABLE 7.—DCIS ISSUED TO SUPPORT PRODUCT REREGISTRATION FOR FY 2006 TRED—Continued

Case Name	Case No.	Number of Products Covered by the TRED ¹	Number of Product Chemistry Studies Required ²	Number of Acute Toxicology Studies Required ³	Number of Efficacy Studies Required
Total No. of Products	---	7	---	---	---

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D. Progress in Reducing the Number of Unreviewed, Required Reregistration Studies

EPA has made progress in reviewing scientific studies submitted by pesticide

registrants in support of pesticides undergoing reregistration (See Table 8). The percent of studies reviewed by EPA remained constant in FY 2006.

TABLE 8.—REVIEW STATUS OF STUDIES SUBMITTED FOR PESTICIDE REREGISTRATION, END OF FY 2006

Pesticide Reregistration List, per FIFRA Section 4(c)(2)	Studies Reviewed + Extraneous ¹	Studies Awaiting Review	Total Studies Received
List A	11,262 + 588 = 11,850 (87%)	1,788 (13%)	13,638
List B	6,585 + 1,041 = 7,626 (81%)	1,748 (19%)	9,374
List C	2,097 + 334 = 2,431 (84%)	463 (16%)	2,894
List D	1,266 + 133 = 1,399 (86%)	228 (14%)	1,627
Total Lists A - D	21,210 + 2,096 = 23,306 (84.65%)	4,227 (15.35%)	27,533 (100%)

¹Extraneous studies is a term used to classify those studies that are not needed because the guideline or data requirement has been satisfied by other studies or has changed.

E. Aggregate Status of Tolerances Reassessed

During FY 2006, EPA completed 1,820 tolerance reassessments and ended the fiscal year with a total of 9,637 tolerance reassessment decisions to date, addressing over 99% of the 9,721 tolerances that require reassessment (See Table 9).

EPA reassessed over 33% of all food tolerances by August 3, 1999, and completed over 66% of all required tolerance reassessment decisions by August 3, 2002, meeting two important

statutory deadlines established by the FQPA. EPA’s general schedule for tolerance reassessment (62 FR 42020, August 4, 1997) identified three groups of pesticides to be reviewed; this grouping continues to reflect the Agency’s overall scheduling priorities. In completing tolerance reassessment, EPA continues to give priority to pesticides in Group 1, the Agency’s highest priority group for reassessment.

1. *Aggregate accomplishments through reregistration and other programs.* EPA is accomplishing

tolerance reassessment through the registration and reregistration programs; by revoking tolerances for pesticides that have been canceled (many as a result of reregistration); by reevaluating pesticides with pre-FQPA REDs, and through other decisions not directly related to registration or reregistration, described further below. EPA is using the Tolerance Reassessment Tracking System (TORTS) to compile this updated information and report on the status of tolerance reassessment (See Table 9).

TABLE 9.—TOLERANCE REASSESSMENTS COMPLETED POST-FQPA BY FISCAL YEAR, THROUGH FY 2006*

Tolerances Reassessed Through...	Late FY 96	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	Total, End of FY 2006
Reregistration/REDs	25	339	277	359	44	46	231	79	87	413	1,037	2,937

TABLE 9.—TOLERANCE REASSESSMENTS COMPLETED POST-FQPA BY FISCAL YEAR, THROUGH FY 2006*—Continued

Tolerances Reassessed Through...	Late FY 96	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	Total, End of FY 2006
Tolerance Reassessments/TREDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	776	14	119	69	306	1,284
Registration	0	224	308	340	55	216	200	0	71	0	1	1,415
Tolerance revocations	3	0	812	513	22	35	545	0	172	75	185	2,362
Other decisions including inerts	0	1	0	233	0	0	905	26	18	165	291	1,639
Total tolerances reassessed	28	564	1,397	1,445	121	297	2,657	119	467	722	1,820	9,637

*Includes corrected counts for some previous years.

i. *Reregistration/REDS.* EPA is using the reregistration program to accomplish much of tolerance reassessment. For each of the tolerance reassessment decisions made through REDs since enactment of the FQPA, the Agency has made the finding as to whether there is a reasonable certainty of no harm, as required by FFDCA. Many tolerances reassessed through reregistration remain the same while others may be raised, lowered, or revoked.

ii. *Tolerance reassessments/TREDS.* Tolerances initially evaluated through REDs that were completed before FQPA was enacted in August 1996 now are being reassessed to ensure that they meet the new FFDCA safety standard. EPA issues these post-RED tolerance reassessment decisions as TREDS. The Agency also issues TREDS summarizing tolerance reassessment decisions for some developing REDs, for new pesticide active ingredients not subject to reregistration, and for pesticides with import tolerances only. Tolerance reassessments for the OPs, triazines, and chloroacetanilides (groups with completed cumulative risk assessments) and for pesticides that are not part of a

cumulative group may be counted at present and are included in the FY 2006 accomplishments. Tolerance reassessments for pesticides that are part of the N-methyl carbamate cumulative group are not included in the Agency's lists of accomplishments. The reassessment of these 84 tolerances will be completed after EPA completes a cumulative risk evaluation for the group in FY 2007.

iii. *Registration.* Like older pesticides, all new pesticide registrations must meet the safety standard of FFDCA. Many of the registration applications EPA receives are for new uses of pesticides already registered for other uses. To reach a decision on a proposed new food use of an already registered pesticide, EPA must reassess the aggregate risk of the the existing tolerances, as well as the proposed new tolerances, to make sure there is reasonable certainty that no harm will result to the public from aggregate exposure from all uses.

iv. *Tolerance revocations.* Revoked tolerances represent uses of many different pesticide active ingredients that have been canceled in the past.

Some pesticides were canceled due to the Agency's risk concerns. Others were canceled voluntarily by their manufacturers, based on lack of support for reregistration. Tolerance revocations are important even if there are no domestic uses of a pesticide because residues in or on imported commodities treated with the chemical could still present dietary risks that may exceed the FFDCA "reasonable certainty of no harm" standard, either individually or cumulatively with other substances that share a common mechanism of toxicity.

v. *Other reassessment decisions.* In addition to the types of reassessment actions described above, a total of 1,639 additional tolerance reassessment decisions have been made. Some have been made for inert ingredient tolerance exemptions through actions not directly related to registration or reregistration.

2. *Accomplishments for priority pesticides.* During FY 2006, EPA completed tolerance reassessment decisions for many high priority pesticides in review, including OPs, carbamates, and carcinogens (See Table 10).

TABLE 10.—TOLERANCE REASSESSMENTS COMPLETED FOR PRIORITY PESTICIDES

Pesticide Class	Tolerances to be Reassessed	Reassessed by End of FY 2006
Carbamates	545	461 (84.6%)
Carcinogens	2,008	2,008 (100%)
Inert ingredient tolerance exemptions	844	844 (100%)
Organochlorines	253	253 (100%)
Organophosphates (OPs)	1,691	1,691 (100%)
Other	4,380	4,380 (100%)
Total	9,721	9,637 (99.1%)

3. *Tolerance reassessment and the organophosphates.* EPA developed an approach for assessing cumulative risk for the OP pesticides as a group, as required by FFDCA, and applied this methodology in conducting an OP cumulative risk assessment. The Agency issued preliminary and revised OP cumulative risk assessment documents in December 2001 and June 2002, and completed an OP Cumulative Risk Assessment; 2006 Update in August 2006, available on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/cumulative>.

EPA completed IREDs and REDs for the three remaining individual OP pesticides (DDVP, dimethoate, and malathion) in FY 2006. With the mitigation measures identified for the individual OP pesticides in the pertinent IREDs completed during the past several years, EPA determined that the cumulative risks associated with the OPs do not exceed the FFDCA safety standard. The individual OP pesticides are indeed eligible for reregistration provided that they met the interim reregistration eligibility criteria of the pertinent IREDs.

F. Applications for Registration Requiring Expedited Processing; Numbers Approved and Disapproved

By law, EPA must expedite its processing of certain types of applications for pesticide product registration, i.e., applications for end use products that would be identical or substantially similar to a currently registered product; amendments to current product registrations that do not require review of scientific data; and products for public health pesticide uses. During FY 2006, EPA considered and approved the numbers of applications for registration requiring expedited processing (also known as "fast track" applications) shown in Table 11.

TABLE 11.—FAST TRACK APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN FY 2006

Me-too product registrations/Fast track	308
Amendments/Fast track	3,332
Total applications processed by fast track means	3,640

For those applications not approved, the Agency generally notifies the registrant of any deficiencies in the application that need to be corrected or addressed before the application can be approved. Applications may have been withdrawn after discussions with the

Agency, but none were formally "disapproved" during FY 2006.

On a financial accounting basis, EPA devoted 26.8 full-time equivalents (FTEs) in FY 2006 to reviewing and processing applications for fast track me-too product registrations and label amendments. The Agency spent approximately \$3.35 million in FY 2006 in direct costs (i.e., time on task, not including administrative expenses, computer systems, management overhead, and other indirect costs) on expedited processing and reviews.

G. Future Schedule for Reregistrations

EPA plans to complete the remaining 7 REDs for pesticides with food uses in FY 2007, as well as 18 of the remaining non-food use REDs. The remaining REDs for pesticides that have no food uses or tolerances will be completed by October 3, 2008. The Agency's schedule for completing these decisions is as follows. This schedule also is available on EPA's website at http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/decision_schedule.htm.

1. *RED and IRED Schedule for FY 2007.* List 1 contains pesticides scheduled for Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) and Interim REDs (IREDs) in FY 2007.

List 1.—FY 2007 RED and IRED Schedule

2,4 DP
Aldicarb (N-methyl carbamate IRED and RED)
Aliphatic alcohols
Aliphatic esters
Alkyl trimethylenediamines
Allethrin stereoisomers
4-Aminopyridine
Antimycin A
Benzoic acid
Bioban-p-1487
Bromonitrostyrene
Chlorflurenol
Dikegulac sodium
Ethylene oxide (ETO) (TRED completed in FY 2006)
Glutaraldehyde
MCPP
Mefluidide
Naphthenate salts
Octhilinone
Rotenone (TRED completed in FY 2006)

Trimethoxysilyl quats
The following N-methyl carbamate IREDs will become REDs when EPA completes the cumulative risk assessment for this common mechanism group.

Carbaryl
Carbofuran
Formetanate HCl
Oxamyl

List 2.—FY 2008 REDs Schedule

Acrolein
Amical 48
Busan 77
Chloropicrin
Chromated arsenicals (CCA)
Coal tar/creosote
Dazomet
Flumetralin
Formaldehyde
Grotan
Inorganic thiosulfates (ammonium and calcium thiosulfate)
Methyl bromide (soil fumigant uses RED; commodity uses TRED & RED completed FY 2006)
Methyldithiocarbamate salts (metam sodium/metam potassium)
MITC
Naphthalene
Nicotine
Organic esters of phosphoric acid
p-Dichlorobenzene
Pentachlorophenol
Polypropylene glycol
Prometon
Siduron
Sodium fluoride
Sulfometuron methyl
Sumithrin
TBT-containing compounds
Tetramethrin
Triforine
Triclosan (Ingasan)

H. Projected Year of Completion of Reregistrations

EPA expects to complete seven remaining reregistration eligibility decisions for N-methyl carbamate pesticides and others with food uses in FY 2007, and to complete decisions for the remaining 47 pesticides with no food uses or tolerances during FY 2007 and FY 2008 (by October 3, 2008). Product reregistration, which takes place only after the reregistration eligibility decisions have been completed for the active ingredients, will not likely be completed before 2012.

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