

Regulatory Retrospective Reviews

OPP Update

May 2015

Background

- **Executive Order 13563, “Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review”**
 - Signed January 2011
 - Goal: make regulations more effective or less burdensome
 - Directs federal agencies to review existing regulations to identify possible reforms that modify, streamline, expand or repeal those regulations
- **Initial Plan for Periodic Retrospective Review**
 - Plan issued in 2011 after extensive public engagement
 - Identified 35 retrospective reviews
 - Opened a docket to receive ongoing suggestions
 - Docket named: **Improving Regulations: Pesticides**, number **EPA-HQ-OA-2011-0157**
 - EPA posts semi-annual progress reports on our website
 - <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opei/RuleGate.nsf/>

Ongoing Reviews

- **2011 EPA plan commits to ongoing and periodic reviews**
 - Continues to assess existing significant regulations
 - Welcomes public suggestions for reviews
 - Sets out a 4-step process every 5-years to identify retrospective reviews

- **January 2015 update**
 - EPA completed 21 of its original 35 retrospective reviews
 - Five new reviews were added in July 2014
 - 19 reviews were ongoing

OPP Activities under the Retrospective Review

- **OPP fully participated in EPA implementation**
 - EPA public engagement activities and meetings (2011)
 - Listening session with the PPDC (2011)
 - Initiated five retrospective reviews (2011)
- **OPP Completed Two Reviews by 2015**
 - Export notification for pesticides
 - Integrated pesticide registration reviews
- **Continued Efforts**
 - Modernizing science and technology methods
 - Electronic online reporting
 - Certification of pesticide applicators
 - Confidential Statement of Product Specifications (CSPS) for Pesticides (new in 2014)
 - FIFRA Pesticide Import Rule Revisions Referral (new in 2014)

New Retrospective Review Activities in 2015

- **Renewed Outreach to Stakeholders**
 - Roundtables
 - Federal Register notices
 - Using existing meetings
 - “Lean” events
- **Opportunities for EPA to gain valuable feedback**
 - Streamlining government business processes
 - Identifying overly burdensome reporting requirements
 - Modernizing regulatory programs
- **Next Steps**
 - Review the feedback we gather
 - Consider new actions for commitment in 2015

OPP Seeks Your Input

- **Streamlining reporting requirements and modernizing regulatory programs**
 - State partners
 - Small business community
 - Industry representatives
 - General public
- **Provide input by June 26, 2015**
 - Submit via www.regulations.gov to Docket ID [EPA-HQ-OA-2011-0157](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OA-2011-0157)
- **Next Steps**
 - OPP to consider additional areas for retrospective reviews