



At a Glance

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Why We Did This Audit

The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) requires that we perform an annual audit of the Pesticide Registration Fund (known as the PRIA Fund) financial statements, and report findings and recommendations resulting from the audit.

Background

To expedite the registration of certain pesticides, Congress authorized the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess and collect pesticide registration fees. The fees collected are deposited into the Pesticide Registration Fund. The Agency is required to prepare financial statements that present financial information about the PRIA Fund.

For further information, contact our Office of Congressional and Public Liaison at (202) 566-2391.

To view the full report, click on the following link:

www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2007/20070109-2007-1-00002.pdf

Fiscal 2005 and 2004 (restated) Financial Statements for the Pesticide Registration Fund

Opinion

We rendered an unqualified, or clean, opinion on EPA's PRIA financial statements for fiscal 2005 and 2004 (restated), meaning that they were fairly presented and free of material misstatement. As described in Note 8, the 2004 financial statements were restated to reflect deferred revenue.

Internal Control Reportable Condition Noted

During fiscal 2005, EPA's Washington Finance Center recorded adjusting and correcting entries for PRIA collections in the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) without adequately documenting the errors, corrections, or modifications.

Compliance With Laws and Regulations

We tested compliance with those laws and regulations that could either materially affect the PRIA Fund financial statements, or that we considered significant to the audit. The objective of our audit, including our tests of compliance with applicable laws and regulations, was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. We did not identify any noncompliances that would result in a material misstatement to the audited financial statements.

What We Recommend

We recommend that the Director, Washington Finance Center, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, adequately document adjusting and correcting entries entered in IFMS in accordance with the EPA Comptroller Policy Announcement No. 93-02, *Policies for Documenting Agency Financial Transactions*.

Washington Finance Center officials agreed with our recommendation, and began corrective action to better document adjusting and correcting entries in IFMS.