

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General

At a Glance

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Catalyst for Improving the Environment

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.

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 PRIA Fund. The Agency is required to prepare financial statements that present financial information about the PRIA Fund. PRIA also requires the establishment of decision time review periods for pesticide registration actions, and requires the Office of Inspector General to perform an analysis of the Agency's compliance with those review periods.

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

To view the full report, click on the following link: <u>www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2009/</u> 20090303-09-1-0107.pdf

Fiscal Year 2008 and 2007 Financial Statements for the Pesticide Registration Fund

PRIA Receives an Unqualified Opinion

We rendered an unqualified, or clean, opinion on EPA's Pesticide Registration Fund Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2007, meaning that they were fairly presented and free of material misstatement.

Compliance with Decision Time Review Periods

The Agency was in substantial compliance with the statutory decision time frames.

Agency Comments and Office of Inspector General Evaluation

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer and the Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances had no comments on the draft report.