



## Funding for EPA Pesticide Registration Activities

### Requested Action

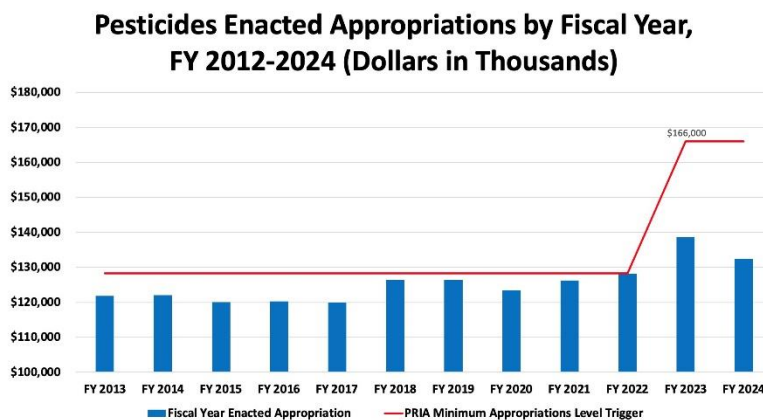
Please appropriate a minimum of \$166 million for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) for Fiscal 2025. This funding will provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with much needed resources to process pesticide registration actions in a timely manner, including the registrations of new disinfectants and sanitizers. The efficient processing of disinfectant and sanitizer registrations is critical to ensure that these products are readily available to household and institutional customers at reasonable prices for the purpose of combatting viruses and other emerging pathogens that are a threat to public health.

The President's budget requested \$177 million for OPP for Fiscal 2025 and we support this level but ask that at a minimum Congress support the \$166 million required by the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2022 (PRIA 5) that was signed into law on December 29, 2022.

### Background

**Why is this important?** OPP regulates the manufacture and use of all pesticides in the U.S., including sanitizers and disinfectants that protect people from harmful viruses like COVID-19, influenza, RSV, and other pathogens that pose a threat to public health. Adequate funding is necessary to guarantee that schools, hospitals, airports, restaurants, and other facilities have access to a pipeline of efficacious products that are proven to protect public health.

**How does this appropriations request benefit public health?** These funds ensure that OPP is properly staffed to continuously review the registration of disinfectants, sanitizers, and other pesticide products on a predictable timeline, reducing delays impacting stakeholders, including those who rely on these products to protect against infectious diseases, whether it be where we work, live, learn, or play. This funding is needed to ensure that we have a stream of new and effective products to protect public health from current and emerging pathogens, minimize the impact to the environment, and allow OPP to hire experienced regulatory experts critical to the processing of these registrations.



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enjoyed broad support from environmental NGOs, farmworker advocates, and pesticide companies since its inception in 2004. The latest reauthorization not only increased industry fees but also boosted funding for worker protection programs and streamlined the registration process for greater efficiency. Additionally, the act mandated Spanish translations on pesticide labels within eight years.

By advocating for sufficient funding for OPP, we can ensure a predictable and efficient system for bringing new disinfectants to market. This translates to a well-equipped cleaning industry, empowered to protect public health from evolving threats.

**Recent Shortfalls and Industry User Fee Increase:** OPP is funded through a combination of industry paid user fees and federal appropriations. In the past, funding shortfalls have eroded the OPP's ability to meet registration deadlines, making the process unpredictable for manufacturers and distributors. To address this, PRIA 5 increased industry user fees by 30%. However, for OPP to function efficiently and hire qualified personnel for thorough reviews, a minimum congressional appropriation of \$166 million is crucial.

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