



Part 158 Data Requirement Rulemaking for Pesticides

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EPA is proposing to amend existing data requirement regulations for the registration of pesticide products (40 CFR Part 158) in a series of rulemakings: conventional, biochemical and microbial, and antimicrobial pesticides. Data requirements essentially identify the scientific questions that registrants need to answer about the environmental and health impacts of the pesticide product before EPA can register it for use in the US.

Conventional Pesticides

- The proposed rule for conventional pesticides was published on March 11, 2005 (70 FR 12275) and public comment ended on September 7, 2005.
- The majority of public comments were received from private citizens and industry, with additional comments from governments and NGOs.
- EPA held a public workshop for conventional pesticides on May 3-4, 2005.
- EPA is evaluating comments and anticipates publication of the conventional pesticides final rule by Spring 2007.

Biochemical and Microbial Pesticides

- This proposed rule is currently undergoing inter-agency review. EPA anticipates publication by March 1, 2006.
- The proposed rule for biochemical pesticides (subpart L of 40 CFR part 158) and microbial pesticides (subpart M) will create separate listings of data requirements for these pesticides.

Antimicrobial Pesticides

- A proposed rule for antimicrobial pesticides (subpart W of 40 CFR part 158) will create separate data requirements and use categories for these pesticides.
- The proposed rule is currently under development.