

Endangered Species Act Workplan Updates



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**Balancing Wildlife Protection and
Responsible Pesticide Use:
How EPA's Pesticide Program Will Meet
its Endangered Species Act Obligations
2022**



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Four Strategies

- 1. Prioritize FIFRA actions**
- 2. Early mitigation for high-risk species**
- 3. Improve ESA-FIFRA process**
- 4. Stakeholder engagement**

Comply with ESA but Prioritize FIFRA Actions

Highest Priorities

- Court-enforceable deadlines
- Registrations of new conventional pesticides (~10 annually)

Second Tier Priorities

- Registration review of conventional pesticides without court-enforceable deadlines (~40 annually)

Third Tier Priorities

- All other FIFRA actions for conventional pesticides (~320 annually)
- FIFRA actions for non-conventional pesticides (~150 annually)

	CY 2022					CY 2023		CY 2024 and Beyond
Federal Pilot	Identify pilot species	Identify initial mitigations	Stakeholder outreach	Incorporate public input	Final mitigations	Begin applying mitigations and expand approach to additional chemicals		Communicate expansion plan, get public input on plan, begin implementation
Vulnerable Species	Identify initial pilot species	Public notice Identify mitigations for species			Incorporate results from federal pilot	Public notice	Begin applying mitigations	
Methomyl*	Identify initial pilot species	Identify mitigations for pilot species	Revised proposed interim decision (public input)^	Revise/expand mitigations to additional species	Issue interim decision	Continue consultation and complete J/AM predictions		BiOp implementation
Carbaryl*	Identify initial pilot species	Identify mitigations for pilot species	Proposed interim decision (public input)^	Revise/expand mitigations to additional species	Issue interim decision	Continue consultation and complete J/AM predictions		BiOp implementation
Rodenticides	Identify initial pilot species	Identify mitigations for pilot species	Proposed interim decision (public input)^	Consider comments and expand mitigations to additional species; conduct J/AM predictions		Draft BE (public input); Issue interim decision		Final BE
Clothianidin* Imidacloprid* Thiamethoxam	Identify initial pilot species and associated mitigations		Final BE; initiate consultation	Incorporate J/AM predictions into consultation	Revised proposed interim decision (public input)^	Ongoing consultation and develop mitigation strategy		Revised interim decision; implement BiOps once finalized
New AIs	Announce policy and develop process	J/AM predictions, identify mitigations (public input), initiate consultation as appropriate, issue final decision						

* EPA initiated consultation on methomyl and carbaryl registration review in March 2021 and is scheduled to complete final BEs on clothianidin, imidacloprid, and thiamethoxam in June 2022 and rodenticides in 2024.

^ Registration review decisions may include mitigations under FIFRA, general mitigations for federally listed species, and specific mitigations for subset of pilot species

