

2017 Legislative Priorities

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FIFRA-based Regulatory Reset

In recent years, the process of pesticide registration has become less predictable. The sound science that has traditionally underpinned U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) risk-based approach to regulating pesticides, has given way to politics and emotion. The industry is eager to reset the relationship with EPA to preserve Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act's (FIFRA) risk-based approach to regulating pesticides and reestablish a predictable regulatory process. A regulatory reset will yield durable solutions for all stakeholders and begin to rebuild faith, trust and confidence in pesticide regulation.

Reauthorize the Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act (PRIA – 4)

Congress must move quickly to reauthorize the pesticide industry's highly successful fee-for-service program, commonly referred to as the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA). The current authority for PRIA expires on September 30, 2017. PRIA is supported by a diverse and unique coalition, including industry, users of pesticides, state and federal regulators, and the NGO community, as this necessary and important program funds, in part, EPA's pesticide registration and review programs.

The PRIA fee framework ensures that pesticide products will be available to:

- Help farmers fight crop threats;
- Provide facilities managers with access to disinfectants;
- Combat mosquito and other vector control in the public health sector;
- Ensure the availability of structural pesticides for residential and commercial purposes; and
- Support the home & garden, turf & ornamental, and golf course industries.

Develop Meaningful Endangered Species Act Reform

We can do better when it comes to the proper implementation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The attempt to apply the ESA across the regulated business spectrum and the ongoing dysfunction between the EPA and Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively known as "the Services") continues to frustrate the harmonization of ESA and FIFRA.

CropLife America believes that we can achieve our national environmental goals, including goals to preserve and enhance biodiversity in agricultural landscapes, while maintaining and improving agricultural productivity, but we need effective, science-based federal policy to do so. The fact that the Congress has already initiated this important conversation at a Senate Environment and Public Works Committee oversight hearing on February 15 is a positive and encouraging sign.

About CropLife America

CropLife America (CLA) is the national trade association that represents the manufacturers, formulators and distributors of pesticides. CLA's member companies produce, sell and distribute virtually all of the vital and necessary crop protection and biotechnology products used by farmers, ranchers and landowners. For more information on how farmers use crop protection technology to grow healthy food, visit www.GiveaCrop.org



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