

PRIA Coalition Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting

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Agenda

- People
- Priorities
- FY26 OPP Goals
- Measures and Metrics
- Digital Transformation Updates
- PRIA 5 Implementation Updates
- Division Accomplishments and Process Improvements



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Administrator Zeldin's Pillars and OPP's Work

■ **Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American**

- Utilizing new approach methodologies and integrating EDSP decisions and data needs into FIFRA decisions.
- Refining pesticide use limitation areas (PULAs) to protect listed species and critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act.

■ **Pillar 2: Restore American Energy Dominance**

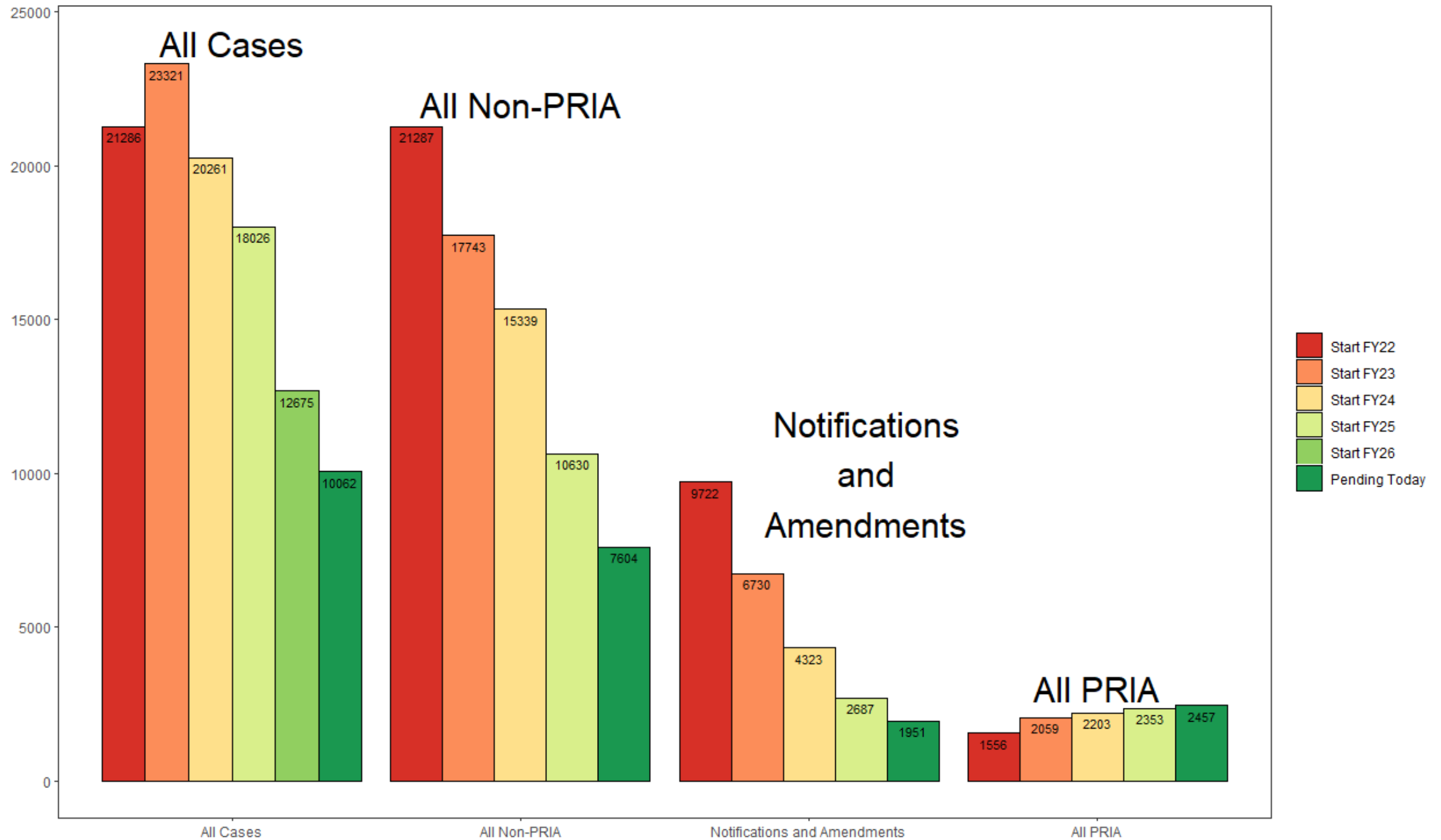
■ **Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership**

- Reducing the backlog of PRIA and non-PRIA actions, continued transparency with industry on performance metrics and performance data to show where progress is being made and where more improvement is needed.

■ **Pillar 4: Make the United States the Artificial Intelligence Capital of the World**

■ **Pillar 5: Protecting and Bringing Back American Auto Jobs**

Pending Cases Fiscal Year 22 to Today (as of 4/7/2026)



FY26 OPP Goals

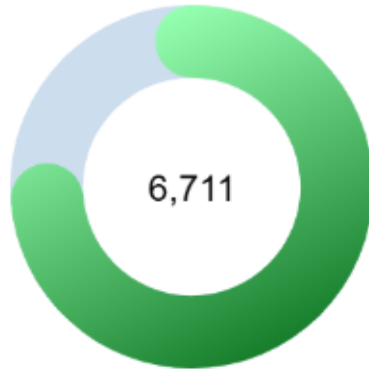
- Complete 9,120 PRIA and non-PRIA actions (with stretch target of 10,014), including:
 - 2,015 PRIA actions (stretch 2,155), including:
 - 88 New AIs (includes associated products and petitions) (stretch 89)
 - 896 number of New Products (stretch 951)
 - 7,105 Non-PRIA actions (stretch 7,859), including:
 - 2,070 Amendments (stretch 2,470)
 - 1,935 Notifications (stretch 2,090)
- Complete 60% of PRIA actions from 10/01/2025 Backlog Snapshot (1,247 total)
 - 749 PRIA actions from 10/01/2025 Backlog

FY26 OPP Goals Dashboards

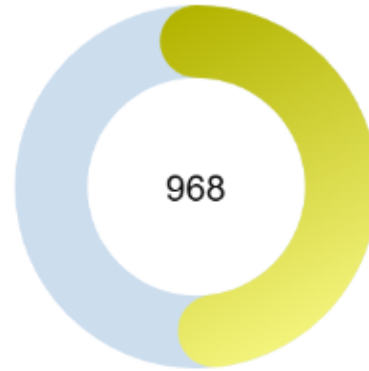
OPP Completed Cases and Backlog FY26

Trend to Goal Green 100%+, Yellow 80-99%, Red <80%

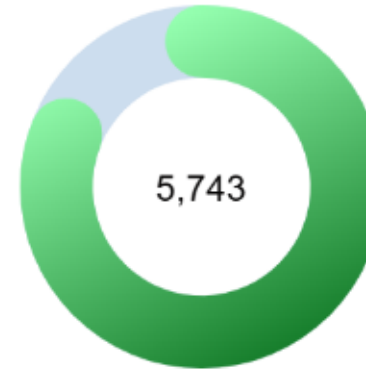
Total Completions (PRIAs and non-PRIAs)
Goal: 9,120 (Stretch 10,014)



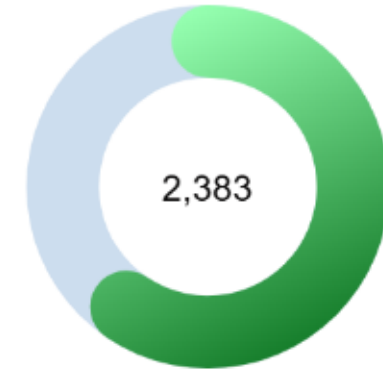
PRIA Completions
Goal 2,015 (Stretch 2,155)



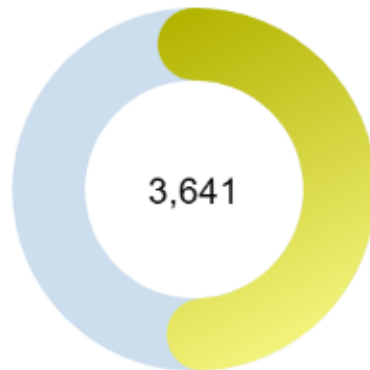
Non-PRIA Completions
Goal 7,105 (Stretch 7,859)



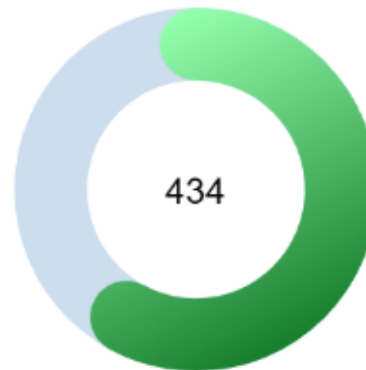
FTAs & Notifications
Goal: 4,005 (Stretch 4,560)



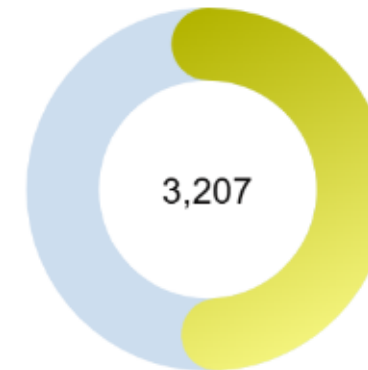
10/01/2025 Total Backlog Completed
Goal 7,425



10/01/2025 PRIA Backlog Completed
Goal 749 of 1,247



10/01/2025 non-PRIA Backlog Completed
Goal 6,553



Refined Goals to Guide Roadmap Prioritization

Translating OPP's anchor priorities into clearer goals and practical definitions that can guide roadmap and design decisions.

		Key Goals	Actionable Objective
Seamless Staff Workflow Experience	1	Digital Front Door	Route OPP applications, submissions, and related intake requests through a single digital front door so they can be submitted, tracked, and managed in one place.
	2	Shared, Authoritative Data Set	Maintain a shared, authoritative and searchable data environment that brings together applicant, company, case, chemical, study, and historical records across workflows and systems, so staff can easily locate and use the full body of relevant information.
Seamless Customer Application Experience	3	Easy-to-use Interfaces	Provide intuitive interfaces and search capabilities for applicants and staff that require minimal training, reduce hand-offs and status checks, and guide users through tasks consistently so people spend time on decisions, not navigation.
	4	End-to-End Transparency	Deliver end-to-end transparency across priority workflows, with clear, real-time visibility into process status, decisions, and next steps for applicants, staff, and the public.
Public Information and Protection of Human Health and the Environment	5	Increased Efficiency	Increase efficiency by automating routine tasks, reducing manual effort and downtime, and enabling staff to complete work in a more consistent, streamlined way while maintaining accurate, up-to-date data.
	6	Increase Public Awareness	Continuously capture and maintain current pesticide, scientific, endpoint, and qualitative data, and use it to improve transparency, inform models, and anticipate and reduce risk to human health and the environment.

Technology Modernization Updates

- IT Modernization – Freedom Deployment (planned for July 3)
 - Establishes a modern, resilient infrastructure hosted on AWS
 - Eliminates system outages and improves operational continuity
 - Unified Access to Information
 - OPP staff will access all documents and data from a centralized platform.
 - Improved search tools accelerate information retrieval and decision-making.
 - Accelerated Document Processing
 - Automated processing for most customer-submitted documents.
 - Reduces manual data entry for OPP staff and contractors.
 - Ensures reviewers receive the critical information they need quickly and consistently.
 - Enhanced Customer Experience
 - Streamlined, end-to-end submission process designed using MyPeST design principles.
 - Simplified role and team management for organizations.
 - Intuitive resubmission and follow-up pathways reduce administrative burden.



PRIA 5 IMPLEMENTATION AND DELIVERABLES

- EPA webpage on PRIA 5 Implementation:
 - Updates made in October: <https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/pria-5-implementation>
- PRIA Annual Report
 - FY25 report will be published to PRIA Annual Reports webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/implementing-pesticide-registration-improvement-act-2022-pria-5-fiscal-year-2025>
- Vector Expedited Review Voucher Program Report
 - Included in FY25 PRIA Annual Report
- Bilingual labeling implementation - FAQs, translation guide, implementation plan, outreach
 - <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-labels/bilingual-labeling>
- ESA Final Guidance (Antimicrobial Pesticide Products)
 - <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/epa-releases-final-guidance-antimicrobial-pesticides-require-endangered-species-act>

PRIA 5 TRAINING

- The Administrator shall administer training and education programs for employees of the Environmental Protection Agency, relating to the regulatory responsibilities and policies established by this Act, including programs—
 - (I) for improving the scientific, technical, and administrative skills of officers and employees authorized to administer programs under this subchapter;
 - (II) to align competencies identified by the Administrator for mission accomplishment;
 - (III) for addressing best practices for operational performance and improvement;
 - (IV) for improving administrative processes and procedures and addressing efficiency issues;
 - (V) to promote consistent regulatory decision-making; and
 - (VI) for educating registrants and regulated stakeholders on regulatory procedures.

PRIA 5 TRAINING

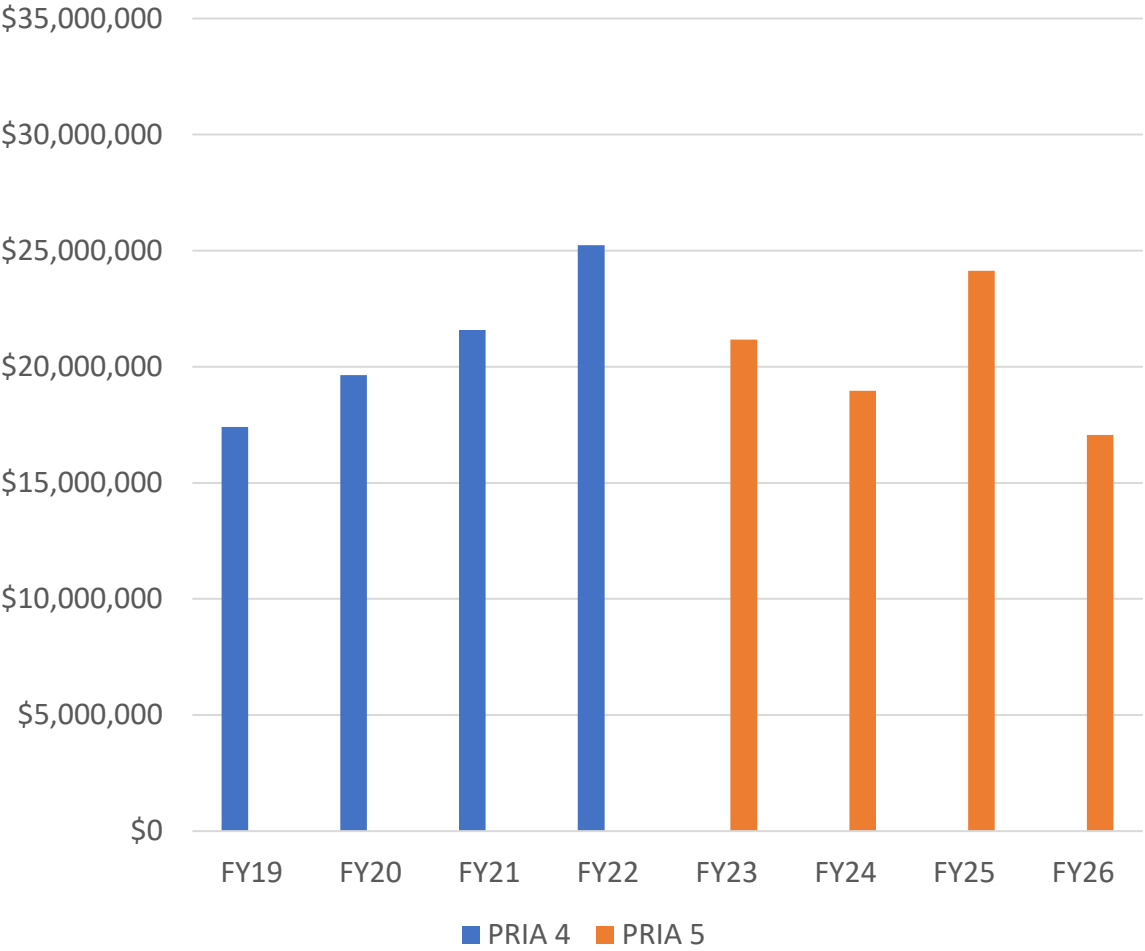
- OPP Training Plan based on PRIA 5 Gaps Analysis to address (I)-(V)
 - Report finalized and published to implementation webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/pria-5-gaps-analysis-report>
 - Top Five Priorities Identified in the Analysis
 - Implement a Uniform, OPP-Wide Training Program
 - Standardize training across divisions with regular refreshers, field-based learning, and structured registrant engagement.
 - Redesign the OPP Website
 - Centralize and streamline access to training materials with improved navigation, version control, and user-specific access.
 - Establish Dedicated Training Staff
 - Assign staff to manage training development and delivery, ensuring quality and reducing burden on technical experts.
 - Align Internal and External Training Materials
 - Promote consistent messaging by developing training content that can be shared or mirrored for external stakeholders.
 - Address Low-Effort Improvements
 - Quickly update or remove outdated or ineffective training materials, especially those created before 2010.
- Training Development Grant to address (VI)
 - Advertisement issued: <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/74ad7de5-a0f5-463d-b337-4f037a11602c> (Closed 03/31/2026)
 - OPP completing proposal review and selection process

PRIA 5 THIRD-PARTY ASSESSMENTS

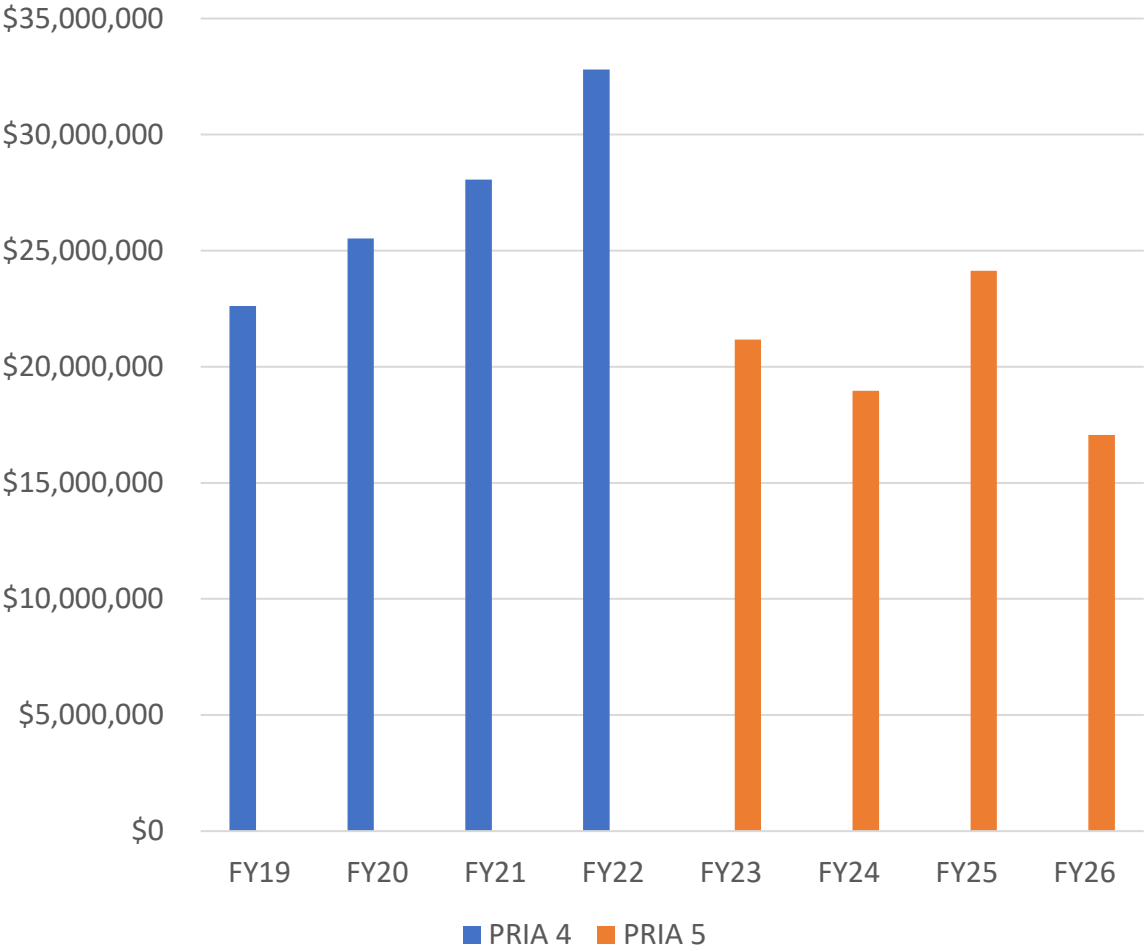
- Process Assessment finalized: <https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/pria-5-process-assessment-report>
 - Censeo Consulting Group (Censeo) developed 79 recommendations
 - EPA implemented many of the recommendations through administrative action (for which EPA has already collected the benefits).
 - Examples include (but are not limited to):
 - improved processes and policies for non-PRIA actions;
 - using MyPest (EPA's registrant-facing app that shows real-time status of pesticide applications) to provide visibility to registrants;
 - updated registrant guidance; and
 - recommendations to reduce rates of renegotiation (negotiations to extend PRIA due dates).
 - Recommendations related to automating workflows and modernizing technology require IT development resources and/or statutory change.
 - Examples include (but are not limited to):
 - requiring structured, electronic submissions (e.g., digital labels) as part of PRIA 6;
 - simplifying the PRIA code structure in collaboration with industry as part of PRIA 6;
 - automating the initial content screen for PRIA applications;
 - increasing incorporation of AI tools;
 - developing accounting measures such as timers to track response times with automatic flags when timelines are missed; and
 - providing more time or flexibility around the technical screen.

PRIA Fees Collected

PRIA 4 and 5 Fees
(as of 04/06/2026)



PRIA 4 and 5 Fees (Normalized to Include 30%
PRIA 5 Increase) (as of 04/06/2026)



RD – FY26 Ongoing Process Improvements

- CITAB Efficiencies
 - Revise workstream/process for Non-PRIA actions
 - Revise workstream/process for resubmissions after 75-day letters
- Label Review
 - Develop external label review challenges document
 - Develop internal label review guidance
 - Revisit partial label amendment review process
- Streamline FR template/process
- Develop external communication on OMRI claims
- Update internal guidance on need for science assessments for new physical form submissions
- Create internal best practices on tracking when RD is waiting on registrants and on what to do if registrants are not being responsive

RD/AD/BPPD – FY26 PRN 98-10 and 98-1 Revisions

98-10 Plan for FY26

- Goals to:
 - Reduce burden on EPA and stakeholders (current resource picture and renewed focus on impactful changes)
 - Improve consistency of state interpretation of 98-10
- Tentative Schedule
 - Published for public comment the revision of 98-10 on 1/5/26
 - Public comment period ended on 3/23/26
 - Develop response to comments and revise proposed document (ongoing)
 - Publish final revision (Q4 FY26)

98-1 Plan for FY26

- Goal is to expand self-certification option to include group A data (e.g., product identity, formulation process, certified limits, etc.) for at least some actions in addition to group B data
- Tentative Schedule
 - Publish for public comment the revision of 98-1 (Q1 FY27)
 - Develop response to comments and revise proposed document
 - Publish final revision (Q3 FY27)

RD – FY26 Workload Redistribution

- Some chemistries tend to be more active than others and therefore there has been a disparity across teams and branches in active workload.
- We looked at submissions over the last ~5 years in addition to currently pending actions, considering type/difficulty of action and additional branch responsibilities (e.g., efficacy data review).
- We've transferred some active ingredients across branches/teams, including but not limited to:
 - Moving FHB fungicides to IVB2 and evening out herbicides across the PM teams in HB and FHB
 - Moving some herbicides to IVB1 and IVB3
 - Moving a handful of insecticides from IVB2 to IVB1 and IVB3
- The [RD chemical list](#) on our website has been updated with the new teams. Actions submitted from March 15, 2026, onward will go to the newly assigned teams.

RD/BPPD/IO – FY26 HSRB Lean Event

- In February, OPP held a Kaizen event focused on the review process for skin-applied repellent efficacy human studies to address concerns that the current process was unclear and unpredictable for applicants and occurred infrequently resulting in a lack of institutional knowledge by OPP staff.
- The goal of the event was to ensure EPA is meeting the statutory deadline of 14 months, to improve the transparency of the process, and to improve the process so that submissions are more likely to result in a favorable outcome.
- The Kaizen event participants, which included both internal and external stakeholders, mapped the current process, identified pain points, and proposed potential solutions.
- The participants are currently working on action items from the event, including but not limited to developing a best practices document for skin-applied repellent HSRB actions, a protocol template and checklist, and an FAQ document.

RD – FY26 New Product Focus

- The Registration Division held separate meetings with their branches as well as the PM/SRS group, where staff provided insights on things registrants could do to improve submissions and make review more efficient
 - Some of these points were shared at the last coalition meeting, and we're currently pulling together a more comprehensive presentation on these tips
- RD is also assessing a subset of our new product actions with codes where review remains within RD (e.g., R300, R301, R310, etc.)
 - The purpose of this deep dive on individual actions is to determine if there are trends in reasons for completion delay and to create a strategy to address any identified areas for improvement

AD's Strategies for Meeting FY26 Completion Goals

- Implementing **2 “Bites of the Apple”** for PRIA actions that allows two opportunities, one at the technical screen phase and one at the data review phase, to address deficiencies
 - If deficiencies are not addressed, the action will be withdrawn or receive a Not Grant Determination
- **Internal Quick Fix Guidance for PRIA actions** developed for when a deficiency can be resolved via email communication with the registrant rather than a 75-day letter
 - Quick fix is a minor deficiency that registrant can address quickly, and the deficiency is **administrative** in nature (i.e., no data involved)
 - E.g., signatures and dates on forms and CSFs, adding or deleting source products on Formulator's Exemption Form, revision of data matrix to reflect data comp, revised MRID numbers
- Utilizing the **1603 Label Closeout Process** that allows for minor label changes to occur after an action has been closed
 - If after 30-days of back and forth on label issues, there are still issues to address, a PRIA Determination Letter is sent informing the registrant that the data supporting the proposed registration is acceptable but there are unresolved label issues that must be addressed
 - Not intended for major label changes or extensive back and forth

AD's Executive Sponsored Improvement Project (ESIP)

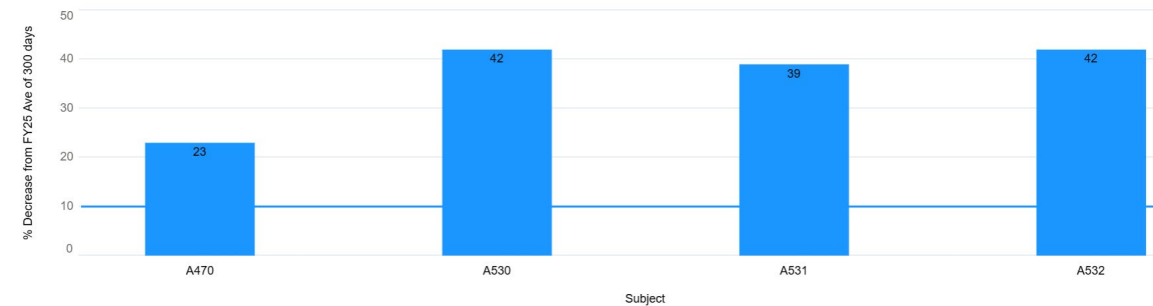
- New product and amendment PRIA actions, fee-for-service pesticide registration activities, have statutory decision time frames for EPA review ranging from 4 to 6 months, but often take longer to complete
 - In FY25, AD took an average of 300 days to complete the most common new product and amendment PRIA actions (A530, A531, A532, A470)
- **ESIP Goals**
 - Reduce the average days to complete certain new product and amendment PRIA actions submitted within the last two fiscal years by 10% with a stretch goal of 20%
 - Reduce the median number of days to complete these PRIA actions
 - Identify future improvement recommendations

AD's Executive Sponsored Improvement Project (ESIP)

- Identified primary reasons for late actions
 - Delays with front end resulting in missed technical screen dates
 - Deficient packages resulting in multiple 75-d letters
 - Delays in registrant response resulting in extended timelines
 - Confusion on me-too and substantially similar products
 - Confusion on child-resistant packaging requirements
- Developed SF reports for tracking actions and progress towards goals
- Implementing new process improvements and continuing processes that were successful in FY25



% reduction in days to complete from FY25 Average



Other Process Improvement Highlights for AD

- Tracking, communicating, and reporting PRIA and Registration Review Deliverables and Metrics using **Salesforce**
- Developed process for tracking **partial label amendment** reviews to better understand efficiencies gained by reviewing only the parts of the label that have changed
- Developed internal processes for tracking when an action is **waiting for company** response and what to do if they are not being responsive
- **Cross training** staff and providing **refresher trainings** to promote consistency
- Continuing **Non-PRIA stand down days/afternoons** to allow dedicated time for RMs to work on these actions
- Continuing **PRIA coding meetings** to ensure accuracy, consistency, and improved understanding
- Using the **annotated label process** to increase efficiency and consistency in label reviews
- Cleaning up **backlogged Non-PRIA actions** that were migrated to SF incorrectly – so far this has reduced the backlog by over 500 actions
- Manually migrated ~560 **registration review label actions** into SF to improve transparency and tracking and continuing to work on the backlog of actions

BPPD Process Improvements - Implemented

- Staff training and cross-utilization
 - Primary focus on new products, PRIA amendments, and non-PRIAs
 - Heaviest workload in Biochemical Pesticides Branch
 - Risk assessors in ETB and MRAB, risk managers in MPB, IO staff assisting
 - Focused training on product chemistry and acute tox
 - Broader training on human health risk assessment and risk management
- Periodic workshop days between science and regulatory staff
 - Focus on non-PRIAs requiring science input and simpler PRIA actions
- Dedicated review days in MRAB, BRAB, and BPB for non-PRIA actions
- Streamlined science review templates for less complex PRIA actions
- Established internal science committees to promote consistency, share information, preserve resources

BPPD Process Improvements - Implemented

- Conducting thorough technical screens and rejecting deficient applications
- Reducing number of 75-day letters
 - Sending emails for smaller issues that can be more easily addressed
 - All data to be reviewed for first 75-day letter to provide full account of deficiencies
 - Second 75-day letter only when absolutely needed (e.g., novel technologies)

Successes

- Significantly reduced non-PRIA backlog from Oct 1, 2025
 - Notification and fast-track amendment backlog virtually eliminated
- FY26 PRIA – new products and amendments
 - Total completions:
 - Net positive completions for new products, amendments, and new uses
 - New products – received 18, completed 39
 - Amendments – received 22, completed 33
 - New Uses – received 8, completed 9

BPPD Process Improvements – Ongoing Efforts

- Providing better guidance to the regulated community
 - List of common deficiencies will be placed on EPA's website – expected FY26
 - Technical screen checklists (see link [here](#))
 - Pre-registration meeting forms to be posted
 - Webpage updates with more information
- Reducing data needs for classes of AIs through retrospective analyses and literature review – long term benefits for stakeholders and EPA
 - PIP eco data needs guidance **completed** – see [link](#)
 - Bacteriophages – **in progress**
 - *Bacillus subtilis* – **in progress**
 - PIP molecular characterization data needs guidance
 - Insect viruses
- Developing guidance on assessing metals as contaminants in biopesticide active ingredients – **in progress**
- Updating Microbial Pesticide Product Analysis guidelines – **in progress**

Biological and Economic Analysis Division (BEAD) Accomplishments and Process Improvements

- Developed and **streamlined pesticide use and usage reports** to offer a tiered approach for refining risk assessments
- **ESA Process Improvement Team (PIT)** was created by BEAD, RD, PRD, and EFED to promote process and science efficiencies for ESA implementation in registration and registration review actions
- Collaboration between BEAD Labs and AD/RD to promote efficiencies and assist with **acute toxicity, product chemistry, and efficacy reviews** to reduce the backlog of actions
- **Salesforce** use to track, plan, and identify pain points in both registration and registration review
- Increased use of **standardized templates** for benefits and impact assessments in registration and registration review
- Suggestions to Registrants on **Providing Benefits Information for New Conventional Pesticide Registrations** and New Outdoor Uses of Conventional Pesticides

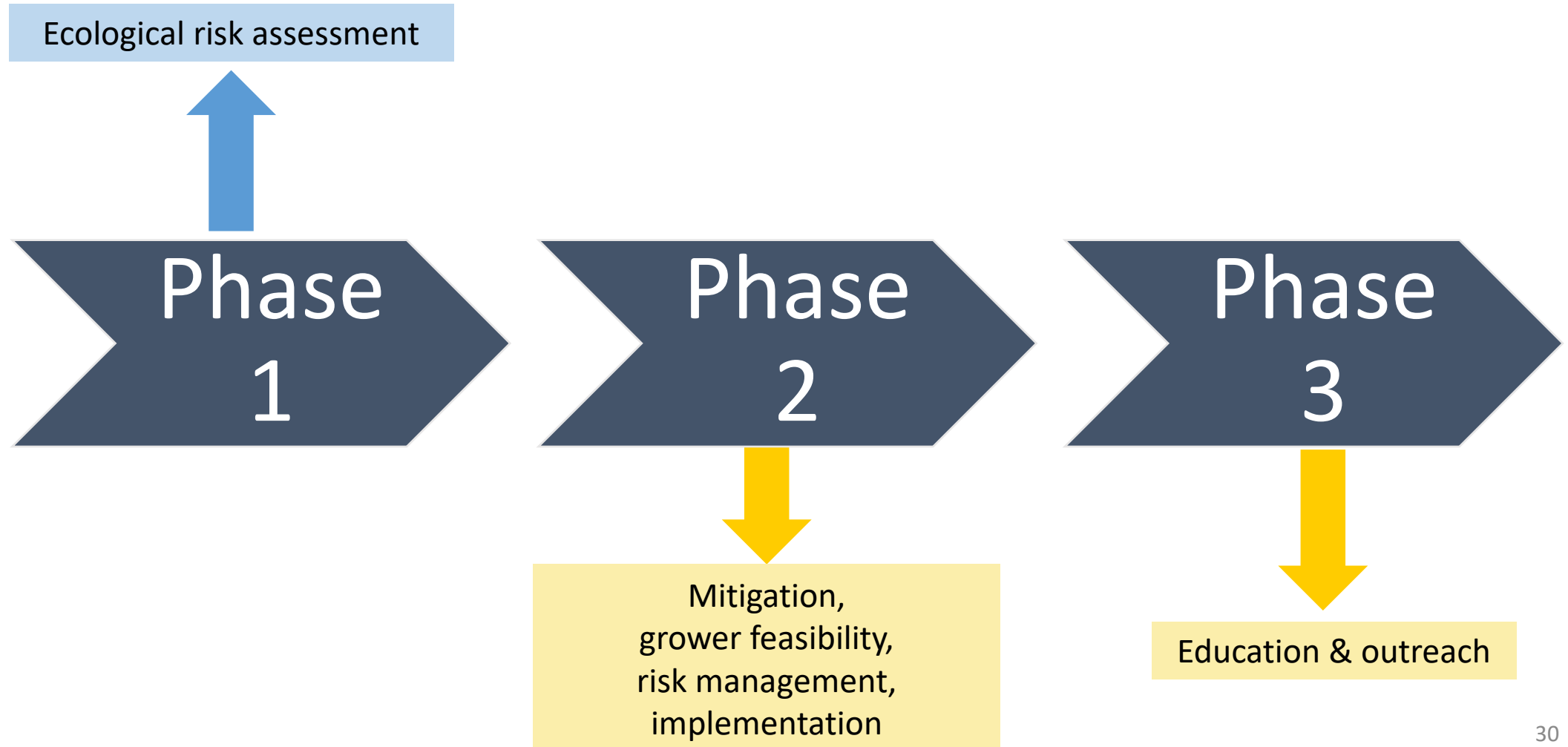
Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED) Accomplishments and Process Improvements

- Leveraging registrant submitted **DER reviews** in recent action to create efficiencies
- Using streamlined **risk assessment templates** for some registration review actions
- Tracking, communicating, and reporting PRIA and Registration Review Deliverables and Metrics using **Salesforce**
- Continuing to develop **revised core maps** (completed over 300 to date; approx. 100 additional are drafted and under review)
- Exploring additional capabilities for the **mobile friendly ESA application** and spray drift and runoff calculators designed to help growers comply with mitigations – Pesticide Apps for Label Mitigations (**PALM**)
- Developing **internal tools and templates** to increase efficiencies for risk assessment
- **ESA Process Improvement Team (PIT)** created across conventional pesticide divisions to promote consistency, transparency and efficiencies for ESA implementation for registration and registration review

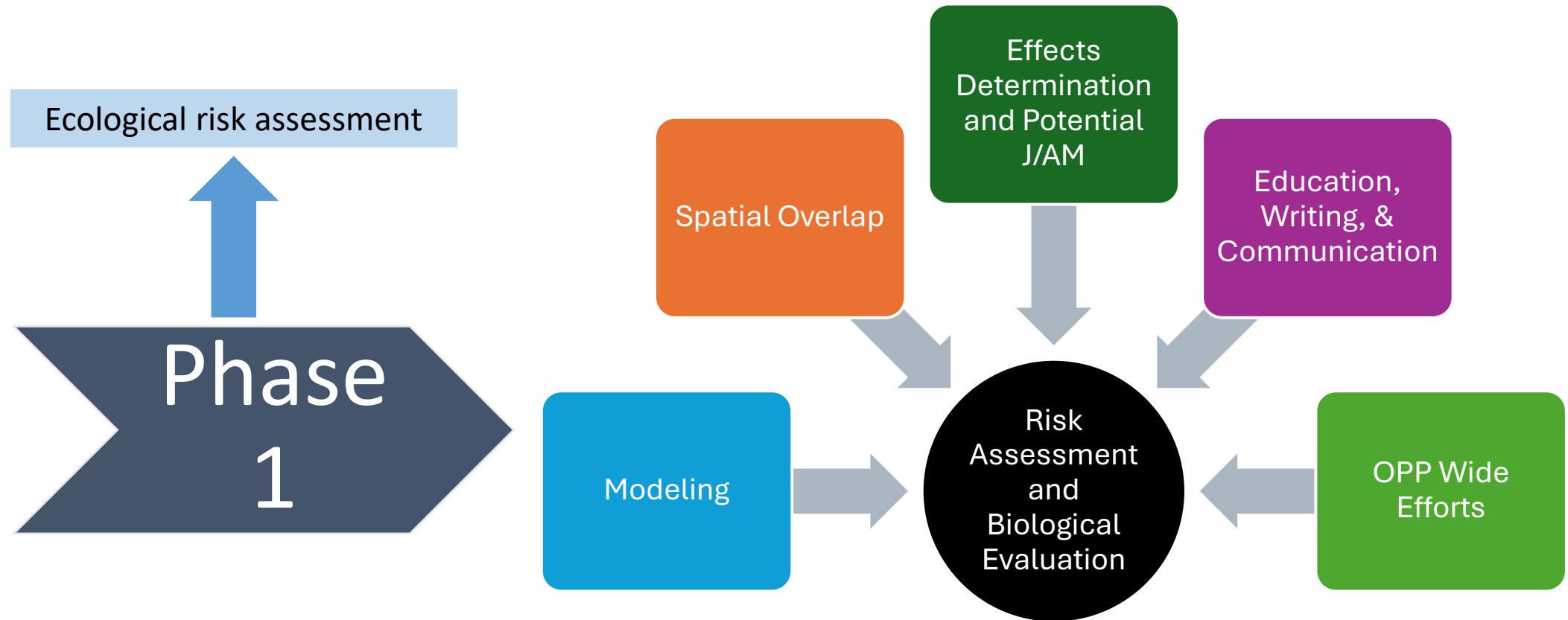
ESA Process Improvement Team (PIT) Goals

- **Help OPP complete programmatic deliverables.**
- **Speed up regulatory decisions and address questions of possible ESA evaluation conservatism.**
- **Address known and needed additions to OPP processes and guidance documents related to ESA strategy implementation.**
- **Focus first on ESA review of conventional chemicals.**
- **Aligned with overall OPP Process Improvement Efforts and Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership of the Administrator's Powering the Great American Comeback Initiative.**

ESA PIT Phases



ESA PIT Phase 1: ERA Updates



ESA Process Improvement Team (PIT) Improvements

- Increase Speed and Efficiencies

- Development of ESA tool to auto-process inputs, refinements, and summarizing of outcomes
- ESA BE Templates
- DER Templates
- Use Summary Tables

- Increase Realism

- Refinements to Terrestrial Modeling (e.g. dissipation half-lives, diet assumptions)
- Refinements to Aquatic Modeling (e.g., application timing)

Health Effects Division (HED)

Accomplishments and Process Improvements

- Reviewing input provided by CropLife America (CLA) on HED's **90-day Technical Screen Guidance** and will be responding with clarifications and updates
- Currently working on building efficiencies in the **joint review process** with PMRA, particularly in hazard evaluation
- Working with CLA on **standardized “raw data” formats** to shorten study review times
- Tracking, communicating, and reporting PRIA and Registration Review Deliverables and Metrics using **Salesforce**
- **Increased use of abbreviated templates** for study evaluations and human health risk assessments, as appropriate, to create efficiencies
- **Cross training** staff
- Leverage **international risk assessments and data reviews**
- Established formal process to **evaluate data waivers** based on sound science

Pesticide Reevaluation Division (PRD) FY26 Process Improvement Highlights & Progress

Efficiencies in Addressing Label Backlog

- Piloting the use of EPA AI tools for label review
- Utilizing Salesforce (SF) to facilitate QA/QC label review process
- Goal to stamp 1,400 in FY26
- More than 900 labels stamped in FY26 to date

Furthering Digital Transformation

- 100% of labels migrated into SF to track each label action in real-time
 - Will Enable further detailed tracking through MyPest with future deployments
- 100% of registration review tolerance actions (proposed and final rules) migrated into SF
- SOPs finalized to standardize internal label review and stamping process as well as tolerance workflow
- Ongoing work to map workflow processes with contractor to build out SF for conventional active ingredients

New Name, Same Functions (OMCO)

ISB is renamed as the **Data Lifecycle Management Branch** (DLMB) but continues to be responsible for the following functions:

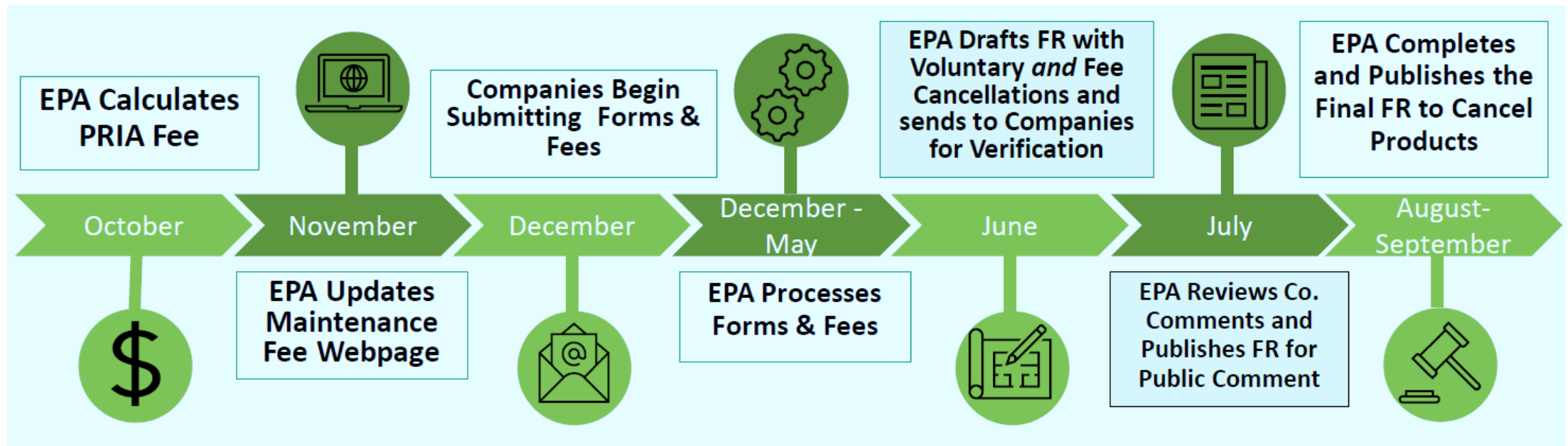
- In-processing registrant submissions including registration applications, studies, administrative information, incident reporting; including 6(a)(2) adverse effects information, fees and other required information
- Managing PRIA fee waivers and voluntary cancellations
- Completing company and data ownership transfers
- Managing supplemental distributor applications and amendments

Front-End Progress (OMCO)

- Steady progress with front-end (e-submission) backlog:
 - 03/16/2026 – Backlog of submissions = 565
 - 04/07/2026 – Current backlog = 186
- Working with OPP to automate front-end processing through MyPest

Maintenance Fee Collection Status (OMCO)

- Emails sent to registrants that had not yet paid for FY 26
- FRN to be published in early May, ahead of schedule



Common Mistakes to Avoid (OMCO)

- 21-Day Review

- Incomplete Confidentiality Statement on page 2 and GLP Statement on page 3 of studies (*missing signatures from study director, sponsor, and submitter*)
- Inert ingredients/trade names listed on the proposed CSF that are not present in system
- Data compensation forms (Certification with Respect to Citation of Data) not submitted when a new Data Matrix is provided
- Transmittal includes listed documents that are missing from submission (*least frequent*)

Thank you!