

PRIA Coalition Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting

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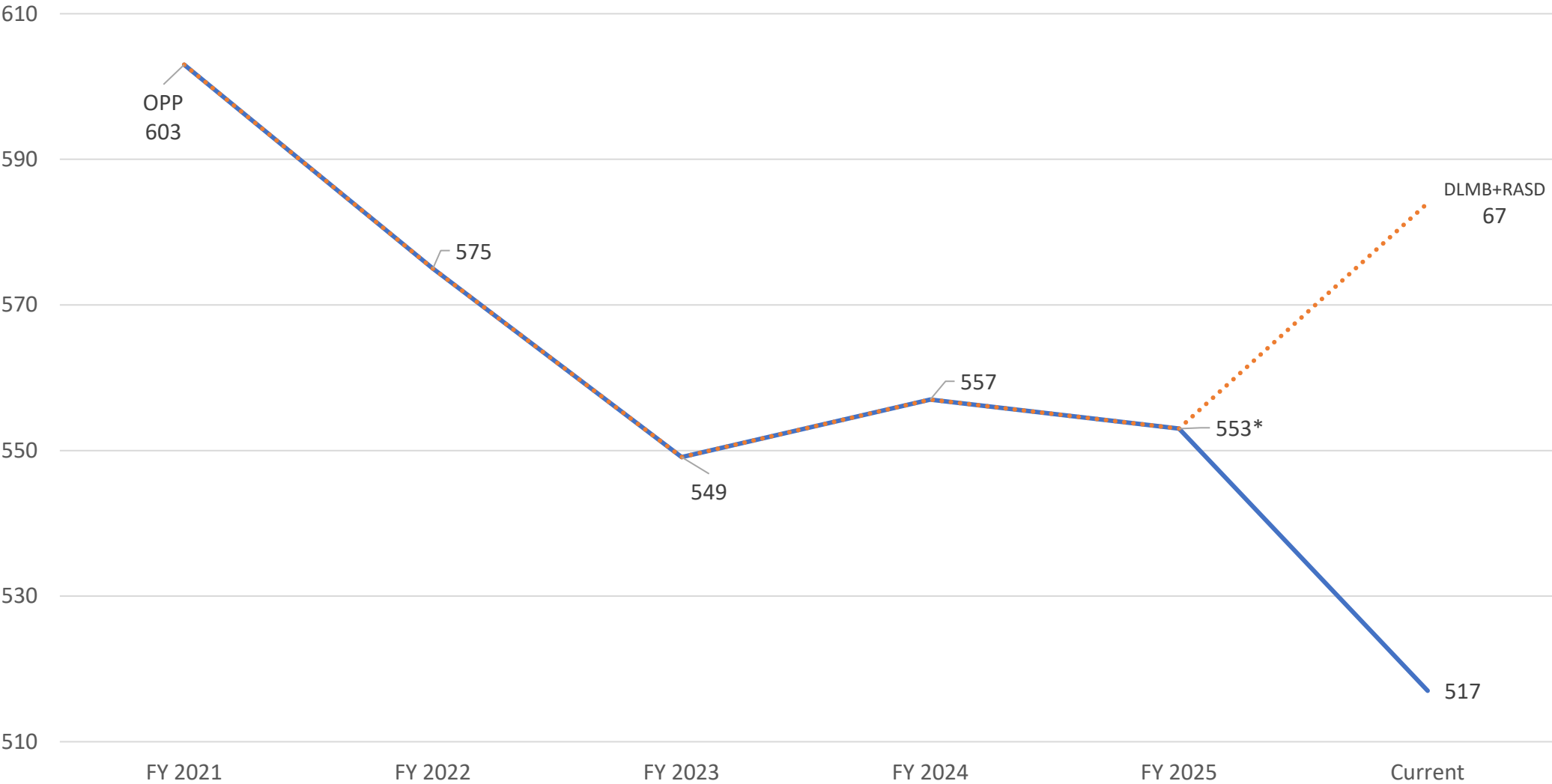


Agenda

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

FTE levels FY21-Current

**FY25 FTE level includes individuals who accepted deferred resignations, current level includes staff reassigned to OPP*



This FTE chart includes personnel in the Office of Mission Critical Operations who provide support to OPP through front-end processing (DLMB) and Risk Assessment Support Division (RASD).

Current and Future Hiring

- Several EPA internal announcements have gone out this year (e.g., BEAD senior economists, EFED/ERB6 Branch Supervisor)
- We anticipate further internal announcements in the near future
- In addition, a few external to EPA announcements to come
 - One current announcement on USAJOBS: GS-9 integrated scientist
- OPP currently working on FY27 hiring plan

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**

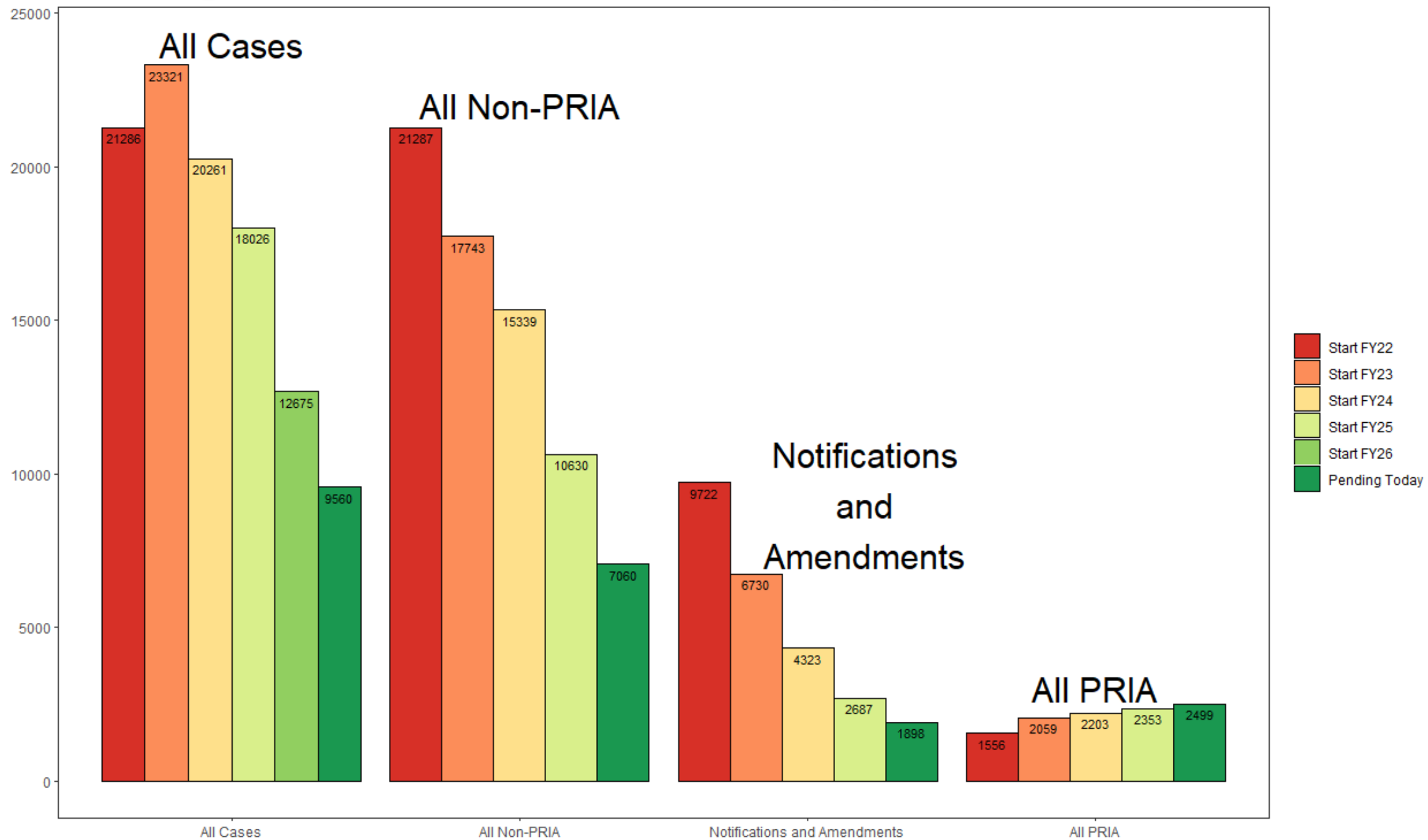
■ **Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership**

- 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 6/23/2026)



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

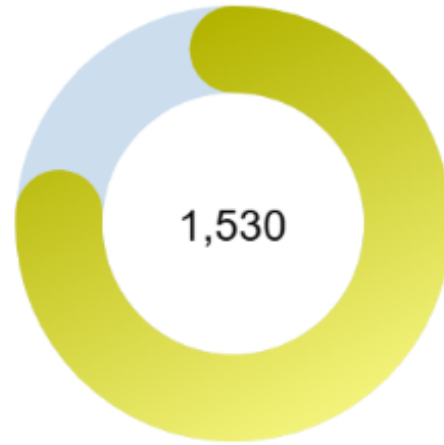
OPP Completed Cases and Backlog FY26

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)



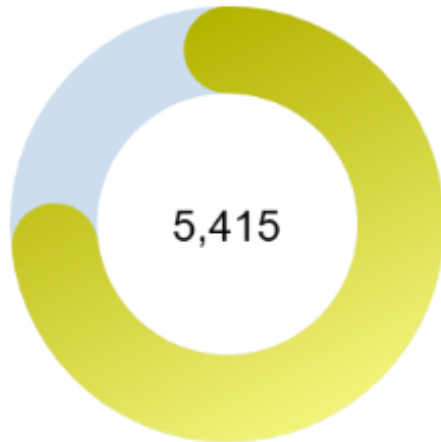
Non-PRIA Completions
Goal 7,105 (Stretch 7,859)



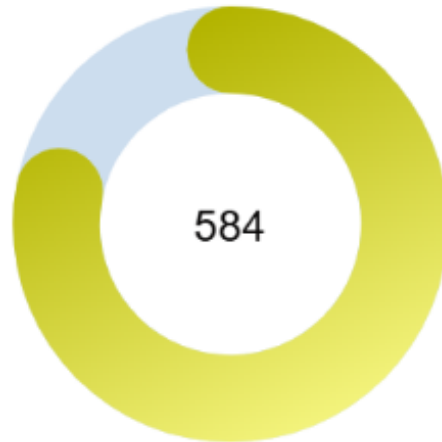
FTAs & Notifications
Goal: 4,005 (Stretch 4,560)



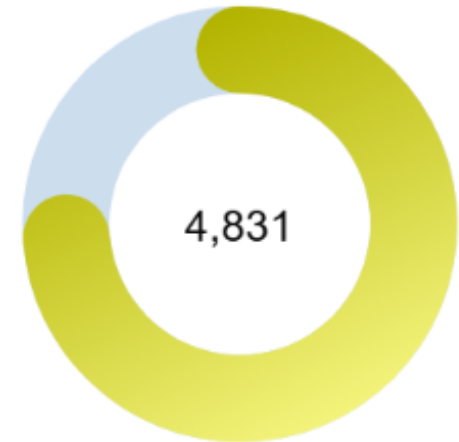
10/01/2025 Total Backlog Completed
Goal 7,425



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



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



FY26 Completed PRIA Details

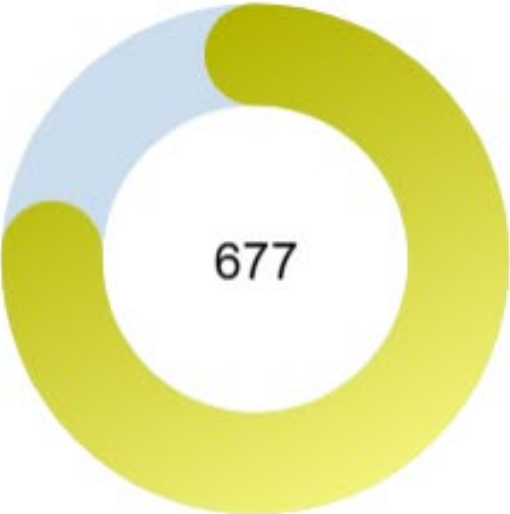
New AIs
(products and petitions)
Goal 88 (Stretch 89)



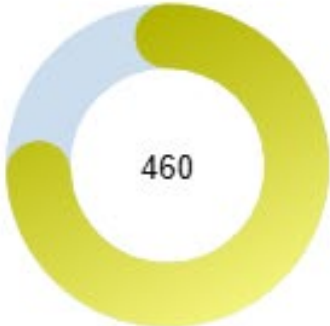
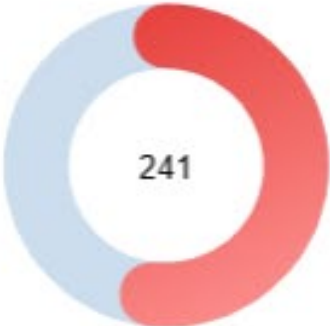
New Uses
(products and petitions)
Goal 39 (Stretch 41)



New Products
Goal 896 (Stretch 951)



PRIA Amendments
Goal 466 (Stretch 510)



All Other PRIAs
Goal: 621 (Stretch 645)

FY26 Completed Non-PRIA Details

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

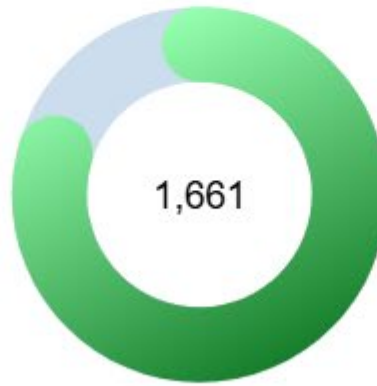
Fast-Track Amendments
Goal 2,070 (Stretch 2,470)



Notifications
Goal 1,935 (Stretch 2,090)



Re-evaluation
Goal 1,570 (Stretch 1,676)



Data (conditional follow-up)
Goal: 500 (Stretch 515)



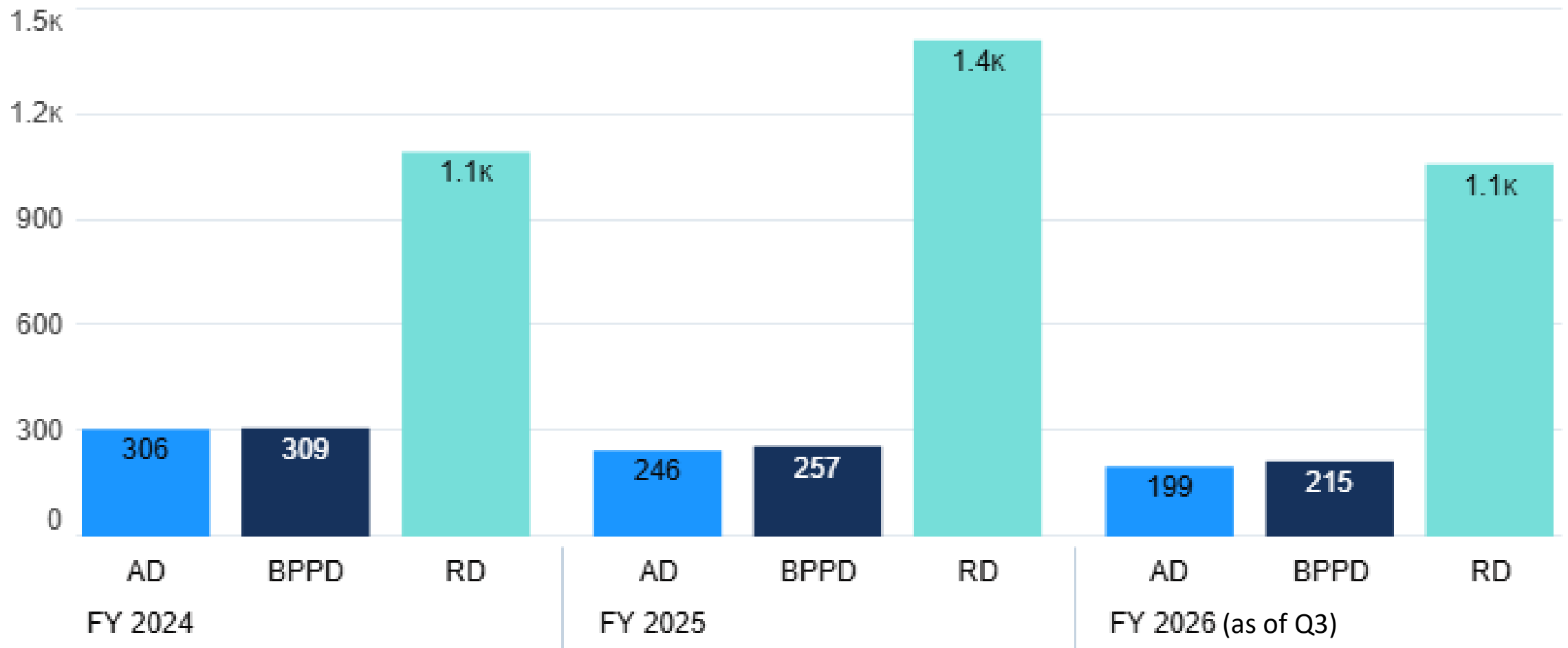
Incidents
Goal: 430 (Stretch 445)



All Other non-PRIAs
Goal: 600 (Stretch 663)

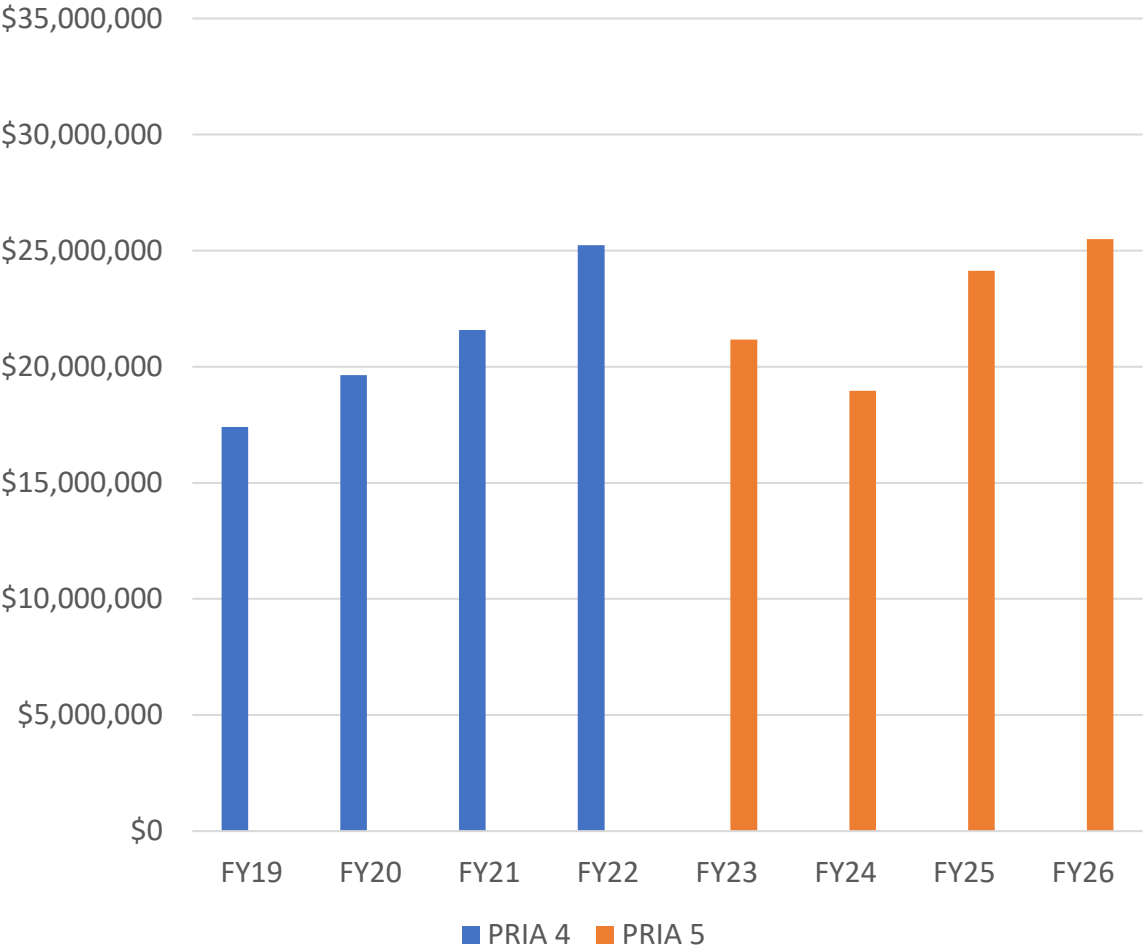


PRIA Applications Received (by division)

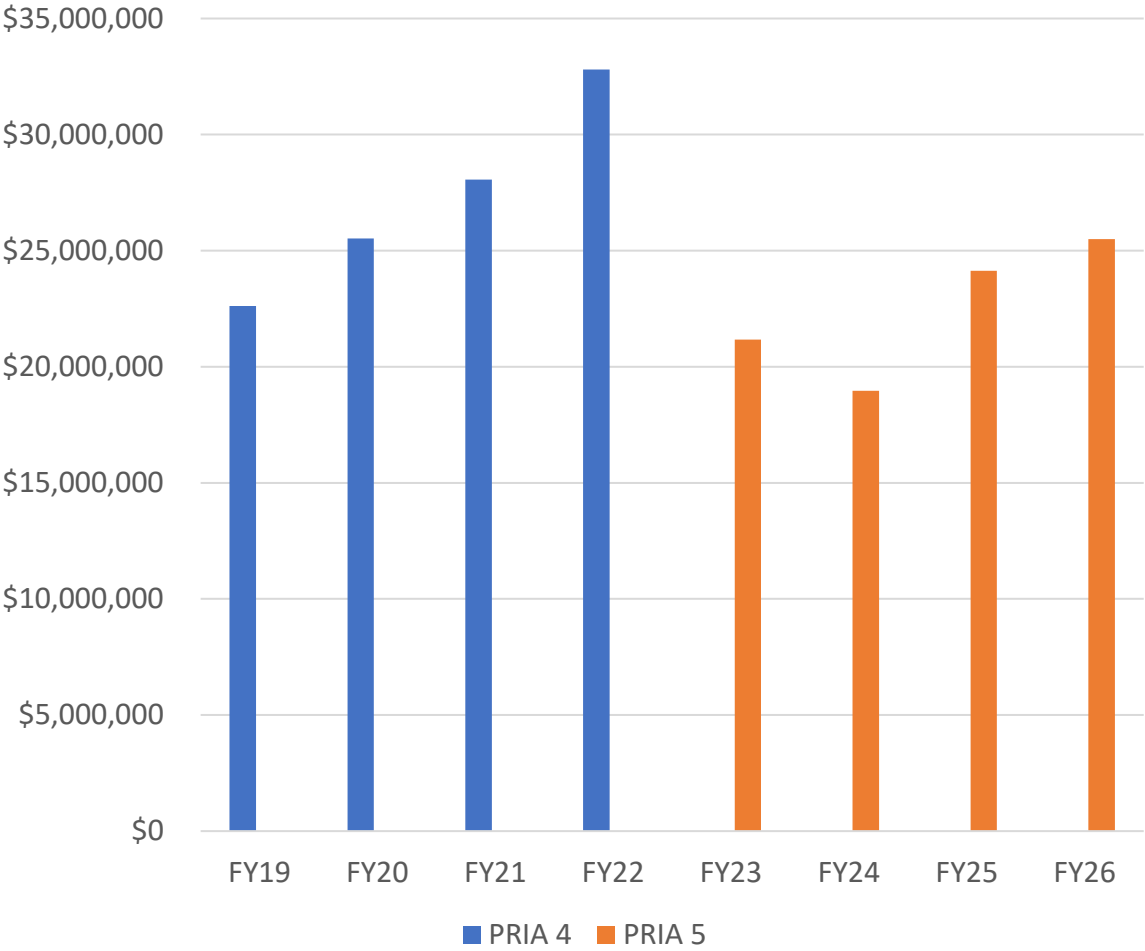


PRIA Fees Collected

PRIA 4 and 5 Fees
(as of 07/03/2026)

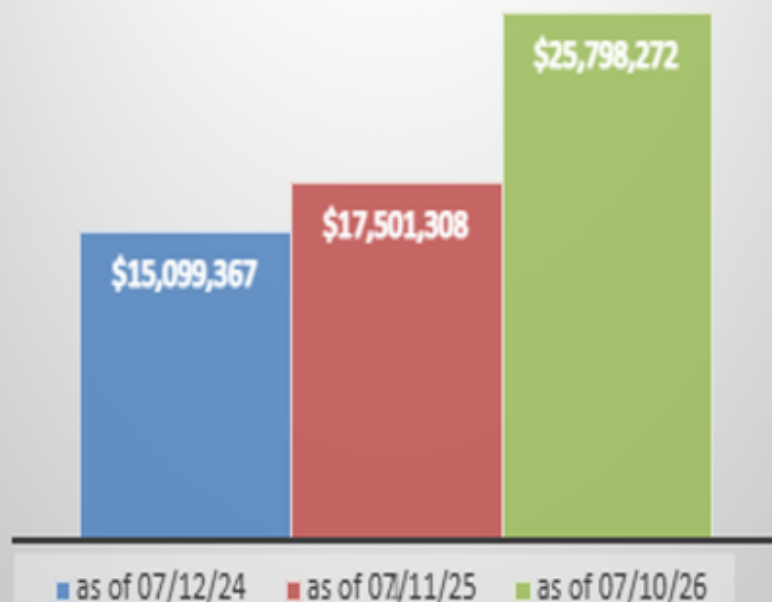


PRIA 4 and 5 Fees (Normalized to Include 30%
PRIA 5 Increase) (as of 07/03/2026)



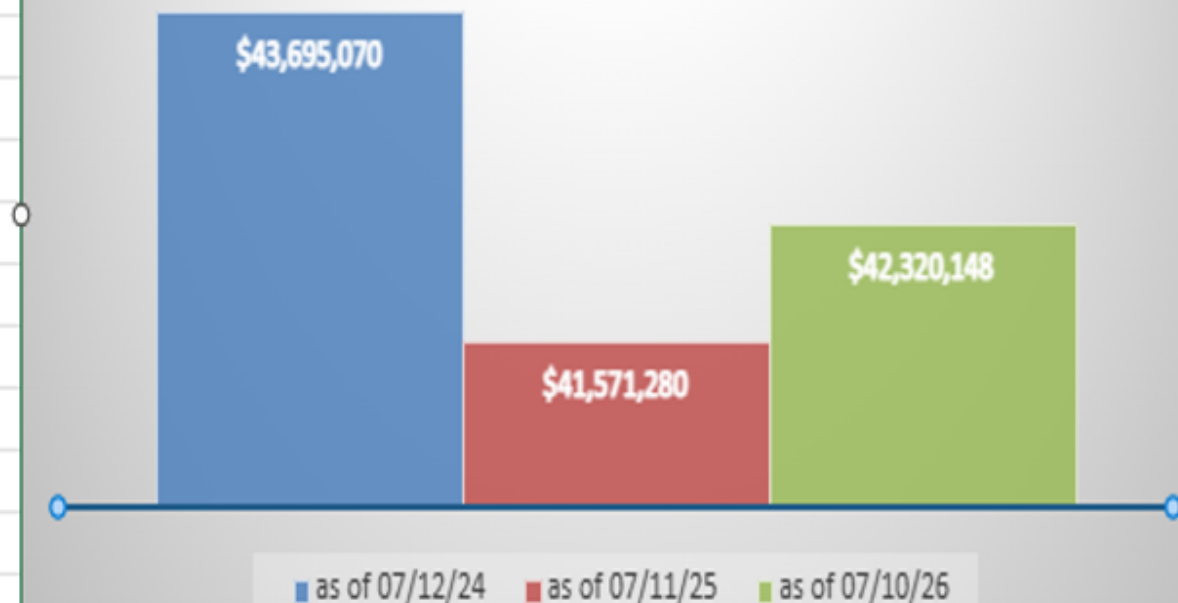
PRIA	as of 07/12/24	as of 07/11/25	as of 07/10/26
Amt Collected	\$15,099,367	\$17,501,308	\$25,798,272
Refunds	(\$348,794)	(\$940,060)	(\$317,455)
Total	\$14,750,573	\$16,561,248	\$25,480,817

PRIA Fees Amount Collected



FIFRA	as of 07/12/24	as of 07/11/25	as of 07/10/26
Amt Collected	\$43,695,070	\$41,571,280	\$42,320,148
Refunds	(\$242,163)	(\$373,706)	(\$22,183)
Total	\$43,452,907	\$41,197,574	\$42,297,965

Maintenance Fee Amount Collected

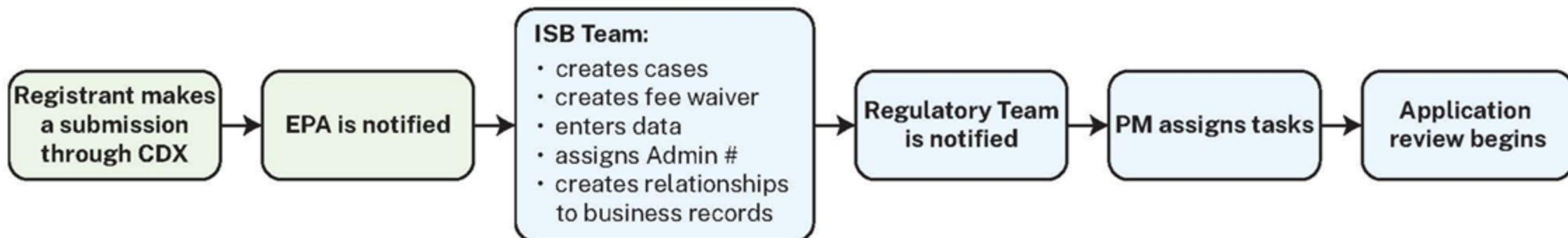


Refined Goals to Guide Roadmap Prioritization

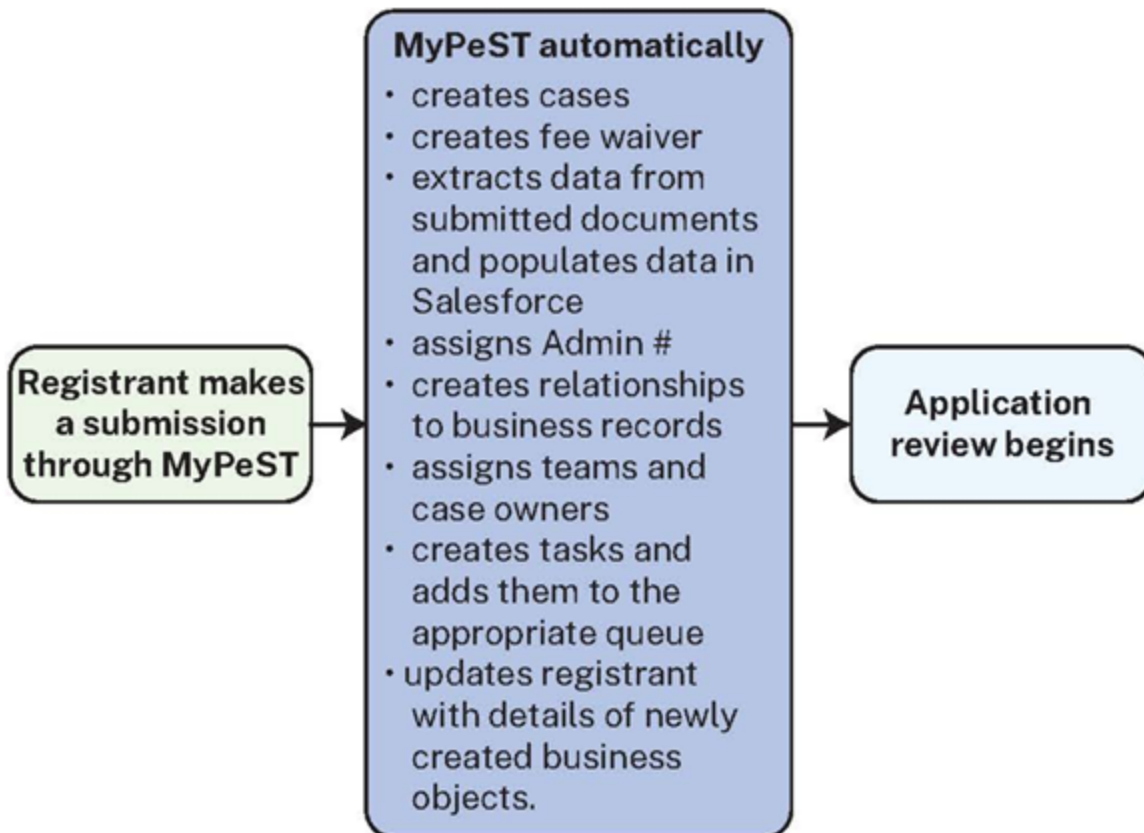
Translating OPP's anchor priorities into clearer goals and practical definitions that can guide roadmap and design decisions.

		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.

Current Process



New Process



Other New Features

Document Upload—you are now able to upload documents directly to cases, products, ingredients, companies, or DCIs.



Document Linking—instead of creating multiple copies of a document that reside on individual hard drives all relevant documents are linked to that object and easily accessible to everyone.



Document Search—the interface stays the same but the functionality has improved. The full text of every document is fully searchable. You can access Document Search more easily and when you have found what you were searching for, can easily link the document and return to exactly where you were before your search.

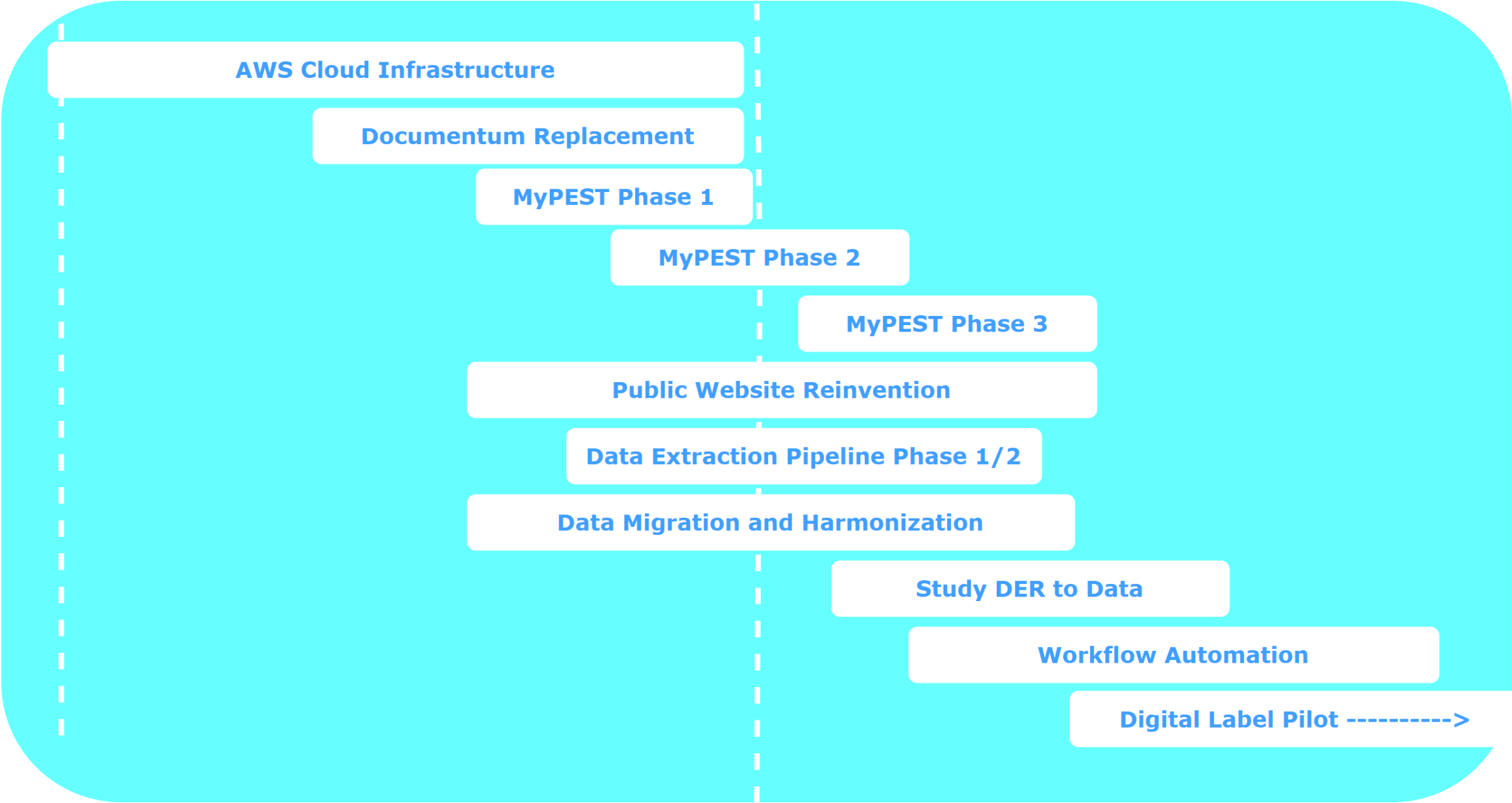


Launched: Mon, July 6, 2026

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July 2026

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PRIA 5 Implementation and Deliverables

- PRIA 5 Implementation: <https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/pria-5-implementation>
- PRIA Annual Report - FY25 report 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>
- Third-Party Process Assessment: <https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/pria-5-process-assessment-report>
- Third-Party Workforce Assessment - <https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/pria-5-workforce-assessment-report>

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 completed selection (award expected in August)

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
 - ~11 of the recommendations have already been implemented through administrative action
 - 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).
 - ~35 of the recommendations 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.

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

RD/AD/BPPD – FY26 PRN 98-10

- 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
- Public comment period ended on 3/23/26
 - 150 comments received from industry, states, other governmental organizations
 - Top themes:
 - Consolidation & clarity
 - Master vs. printed label
 - Preserve flexibility and alignment with other existing policies
 - Notification vs. amendment burden
 - Ensure formatting/reformatting supports future digital label transition
 - Challenges with supplemental distributor product labels
- Tentative schedule
 - Develop response to comments and revise proposed document (ongoing)
 - Publish final revision (Q1 FY27)

RD/AD/BPPD – FY26 PRN 98-1 Revisions

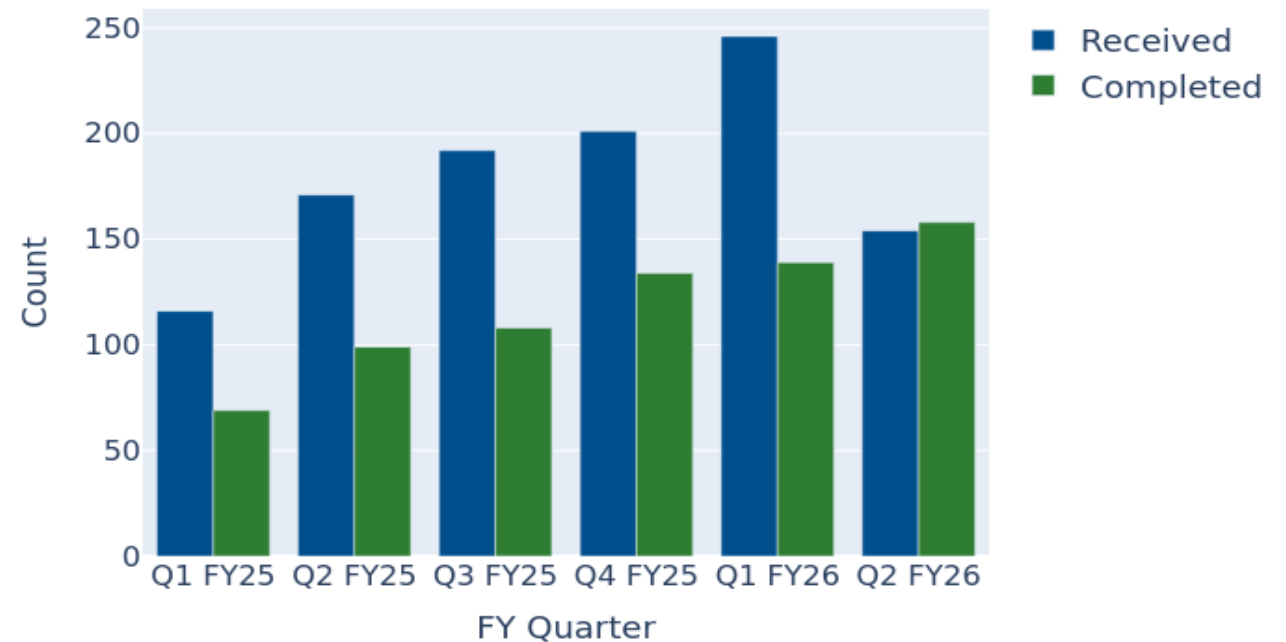
98-1 Plan for FY26

- 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/Q2 FY27)
 - Develop response to comments and revise proposed document
 - Publish final revision (Q3/Q4 FY27)

RD – FY26-FY27 New Product Focus

- Steadily increasing new product completions over the last year and a half
- However, unlike notifications and nonPRIA amendments, we're receiving more actions than we're completing
 - Broke even in Q2 FY26
- Beginning to use the same general process improvement method for new products that we used for Non-PRIAs

New Products — Received vs Completed by FY Quarter

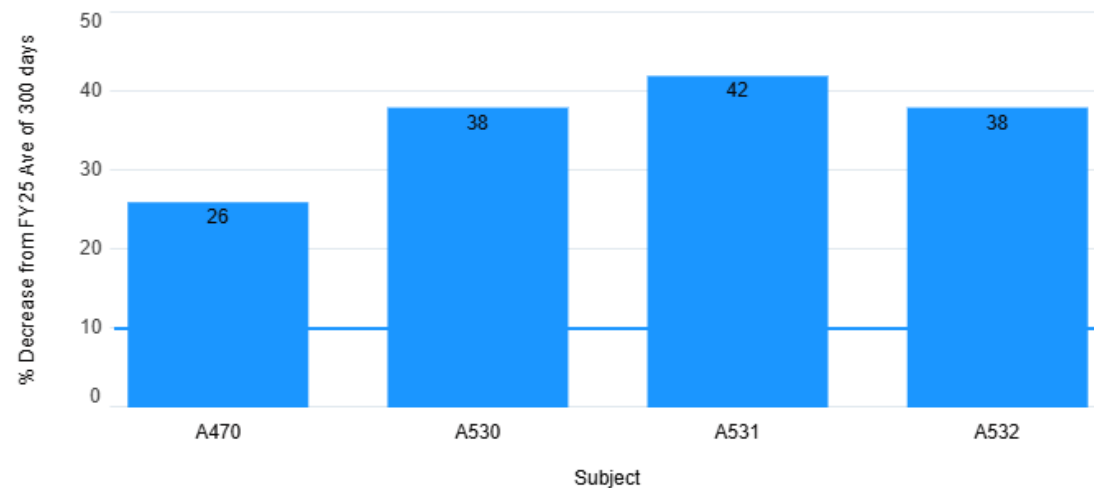


AD's Executive Sponsored Improvement Project (ESIP)

- 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



% reduction in days to complete from FY25 Average



AD Process Improvement Highlights

Processes Implemented

- Tracking partial label amendment reviews to encourage use.
- Developed a dashboard to track all continuous improvement efforts in the division.
- Cross training staff and providing trainings to promote consistency
- Non-PRIA and PRIA stand down days/afternoons to allow dedicated time for RMs to work on actions

Successes

- Reduced non-PRIA backlog by over 1,500 actions and counting from Oct 1, 2025
- Increased the number of on time antimicrobial PRIAs by 120% in comparison to this time last year.
- Updated CATSAC SEP (Chemistry and Acute Toxicological Science Advisory Council Standard Evaluation Procedure) to provide information on bridging rationales and/or identical and substantially similar packages submitted to EPA.

Processes underway

- Updated guidance for tasking science teams to ensure they have the materials needed for an efficient review and development of macros to streamline.
- Developing a label transparency process to provide opportunity for stakeholder feedback when changes are being requested for existing common label claims.
- Updating DER templates and checklists as part of wider OPP effort.

BPPD Process Improvements

Processes Implemented

- Staff training and cross-utilization
- Periodic workshop days between science and regulatory staff
- Dedicated review days for non-PRIAs (e.g., biochemical 5K days)
- Streamlined science review templates for less complex PRIA actions
- Established internal science committees to promote consistency, share information, preserve resources
- Reducing number of 75-day letters

Successes

- Significantly reduced non-PRIA backlog from Oct 1, 2025
- On track to go into FY2027 with fewer backlogged PRIA and non-PRIA actions (including actions due in FY2026)
- Net positive completions for new products, amendments, and other actions in FY2026
 - New products – received 25, completed 58
 - Amendments – received 32, completed 42
 - Other PRIAs – received 28, completed 109

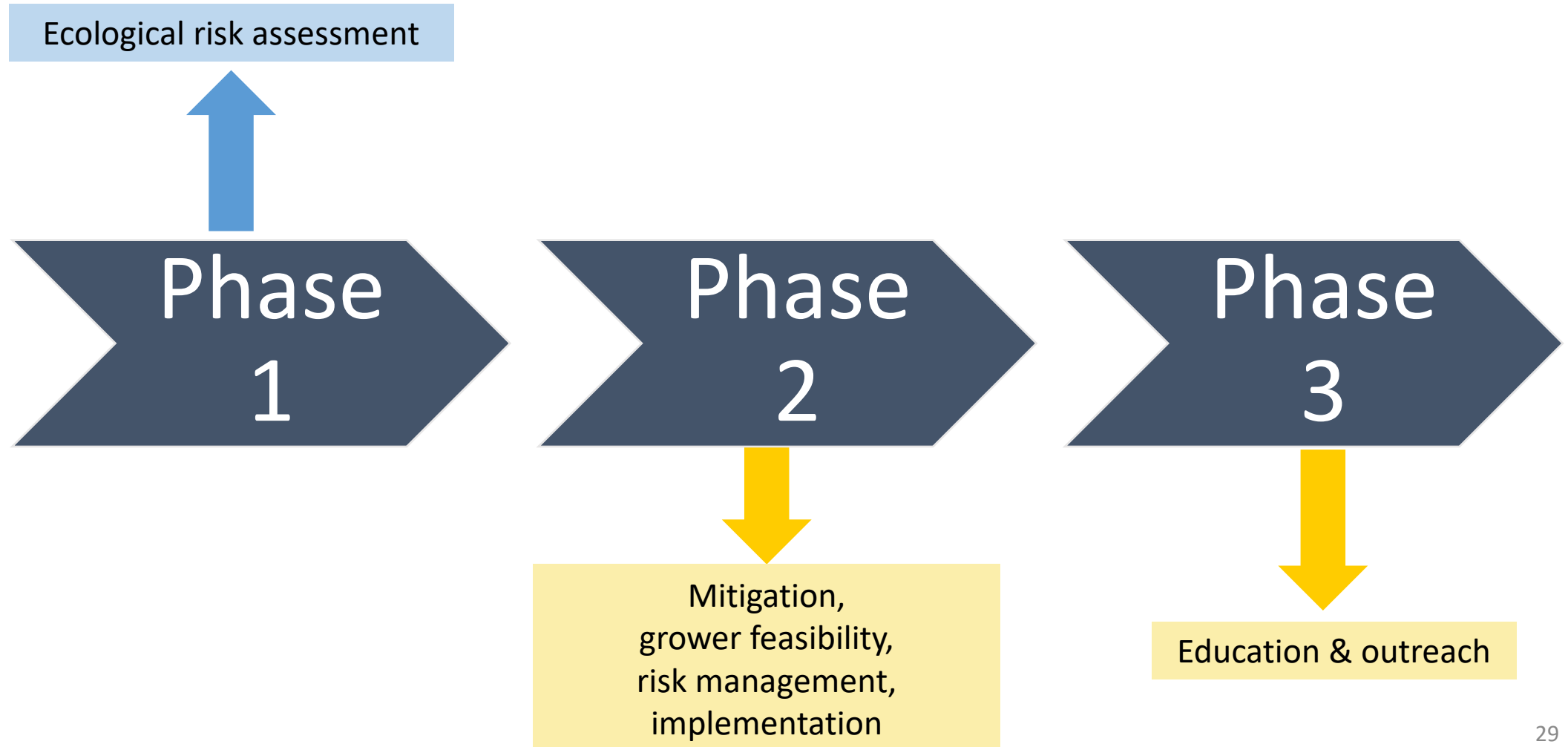
BPPD Process Improvements – Ongoing Efforts

- 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 info to be posted
- 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**
- Developing guidance on assessing metals as contaminants in biopesticide active ingredients – **in progress**
- Updating Microbial Pesticide Product Analysis guidelines – **in progress**

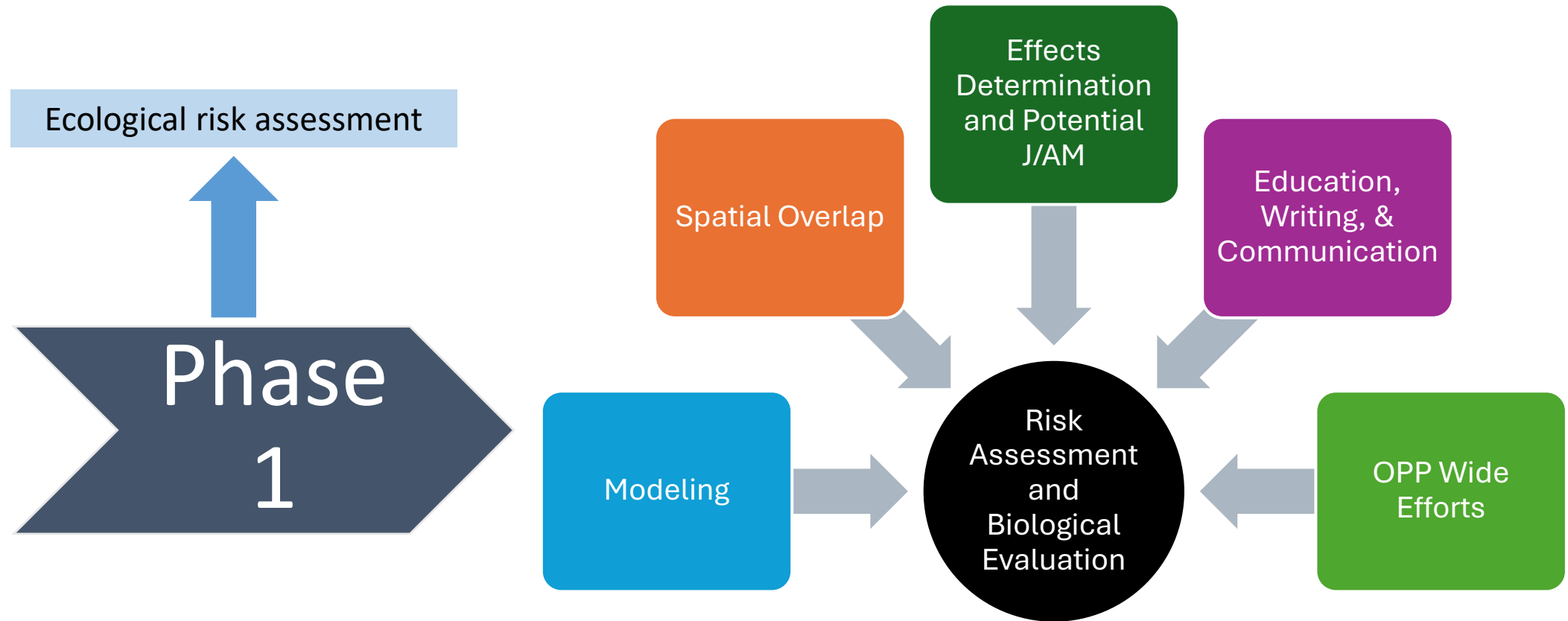
ESA Process Improvement Team (PIT) Goals

- **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



Modeling

Inputs

(UST, endpoints, fate)

Input workbook

Library of Use X UDL X Scenario

OPP review



Taxon Tool

(Integrates updates and refinements; Calculations RQs/MODs/ Drift distances /Mitigations; Summarizes outcomes)

PWC Rapid Calculator

Consistent modeling approach

Speeds up modeling

Auto process outputs

Terrestrial Modeling

Consistent across chemicals

Refined models / improved science

(foliar dissip half life, bodyweights, diet assumptions)

Spatial Overlap

Spatial Tool

Overlap & use/ usage
refinements

Consistent assumptions at each level
Automatic refinements based on use/usage

Pre-processing of data

Spatial Dashboards

Spatial relationship of
species and UDLs

Internal
communication of core
map development

Effects Determinations & Potential J/AM

Listed Species Attribute Database

Pre-processed list of species that
are NE/NLAA for all agriculture uses

Auto-processing of risk assessment
and overlap inputs

Future integration into larger effort
with FWS/EPA

Species Tool

Auto-processing of risk assessment
findings and refined overlap
analysis

Summarizes output for all BE calls

OPP Wide Efforts

Use Summary Tables

Improve process for use in EFED, HED, and BEAD assessments

DERs

Templates shared with registrants

Risk Mitigation

Agile RA to reflect potential mitigations

Slides/Standardized Table summaries/# of Meetings

Consultation

BE Templates, Process Guidance

J/AM method

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 1,200 labels stamped in FY26 to date

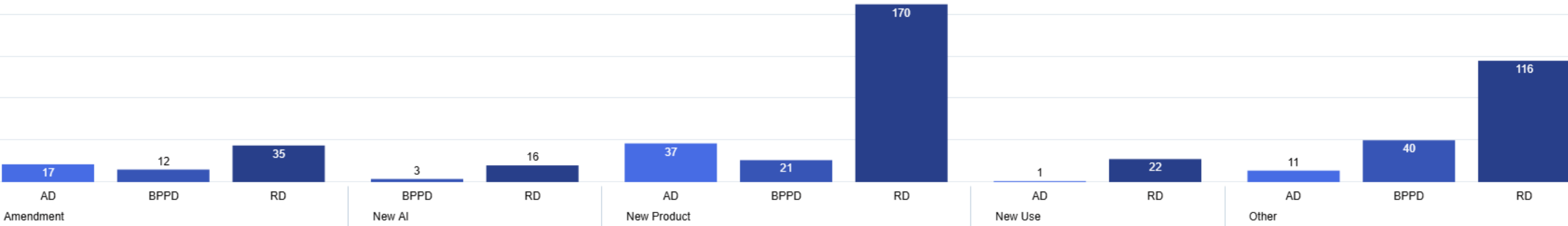
Furthering Digital Transformation

- 100% of labels migrated into Salesforce 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 Salesforce
- 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 Salesforce for registration review

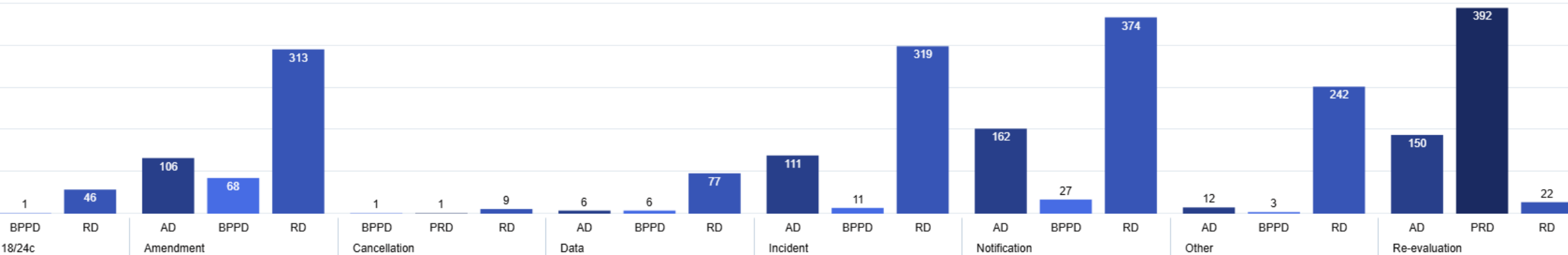
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Completions since April meeting (as of 7/16/2026)

PRIA



non-PRIA

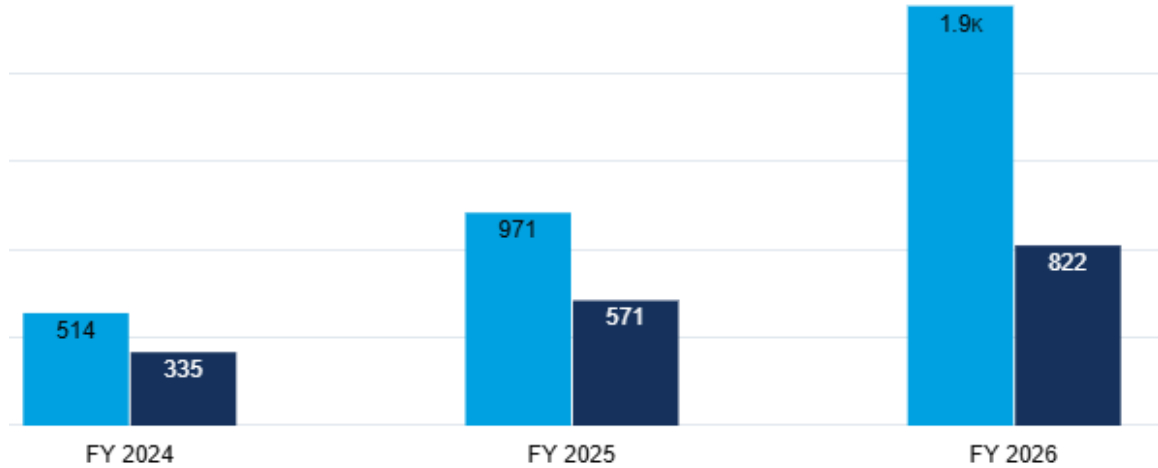


Non-PRIA Amendment Trends 1

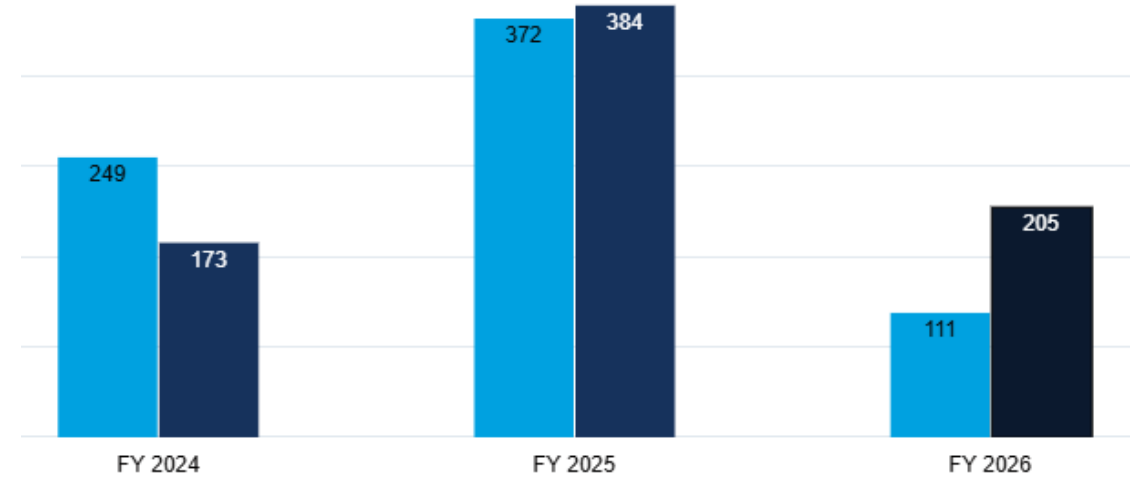
All Completions (including backlog actions)

Average Days ■
Record Count ■

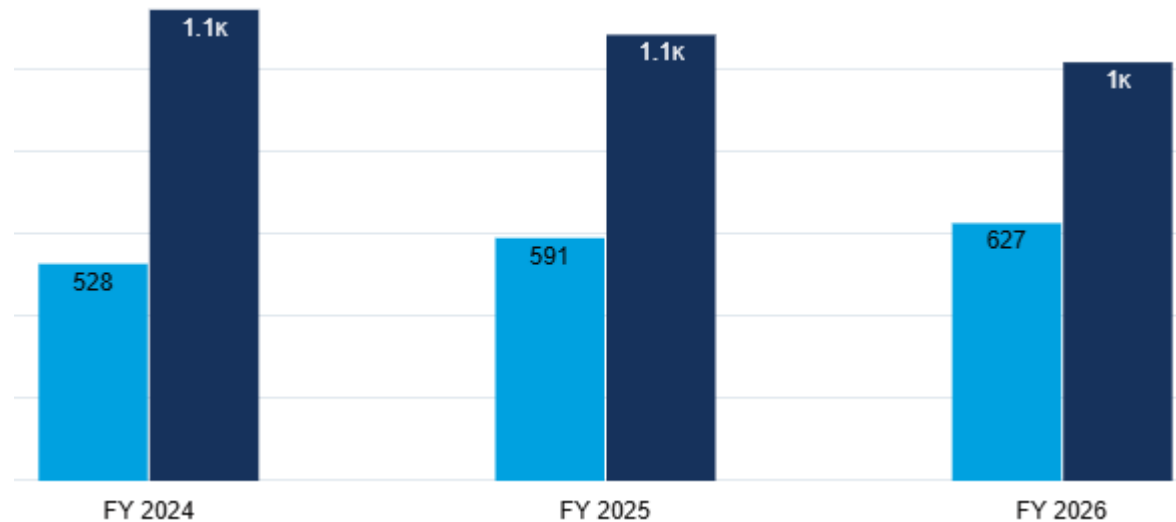
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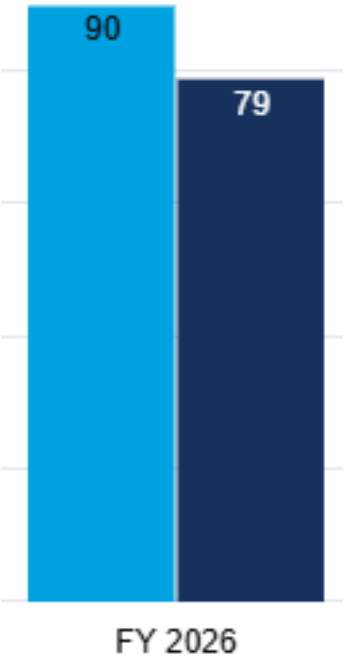


Non-PRIA Amendment Trends 2

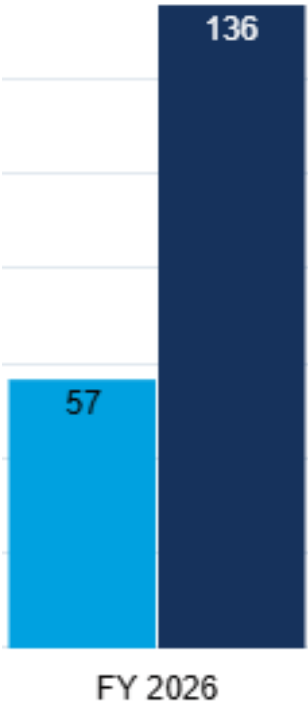
Submissions Received This FY

Average Days ■
Record Count ■

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