

Request for a Non-Substantive Change to an Existing Approved Information Collection

(EPA ICR No. 2624.02; OMB Control No. 2070-0226; Consolidated Pesticide
Registration Submission Portal)

I. Introduction

Why is EPA Requesting a Non-Substantive Change?

The Agency is making modifications to EPA Form number 8570-1 “Application for Pesticide Registration/Amendment” for pesticide registration to include optional fields for the application and award of the Agency’s new Vector Expedited Review Voucher (VERV) program established under the Pesticide Registration and Improvement Act (PRIA) enacted in December 2022. EPA must establish the VERV program to incentivize expedited review of new insecticides to control the spread of vector-borne disease by December 29, 2023. EPA developed the attached modified form 8570-1 in compliance with PRIA 5.

II. Description of Non-Substantive Changes

What Information Collection Request (ICR) is EPA changing?

ICR Title: Consolidated Pesticide Submission Portal

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 2624.01; OMB Control No. 2070-0226

What is the current status of this ICR?

This consolidated ICR was approved on July 31, 2023. This new ICR consolidated the collection activities covered by eight ICRs. This consolidation is due to the shared collection method or anticipated collection method of the information via the Pesticide Submission Portal in the EPA’s Central Data Exchange (CDX). The eight consolidated ICRs enable the EPA to acquire the necessary data to support the statutorily mandated information collection activities pertaining to the pesticide registration process under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQFA), specifically: pesticide registration, pesticide use, pesticide sale and distribution, pesticide permitting activities, determinations regarding whether a product must be regulated under FIFRA, and pesticide tolerances.

What are the changes that EPA is making to this collection of information?

PRIA was enacted in 2004 and established a new system for registering pesticides including fees and guaranteed decision times, along with funding for farmworker protection activities. PRIA was reauthorized in 2007, 2012, 2019, and most recently on December 29, 2022 (PRIA 5). PRIA 5 established the VERV program under PRIA section 704(5), which requires the Agency to implement the program by December 29, 2023. EPA must establish the VERV program to incentivize expedited review of new insecticides to control the spread of vector-borne disease to protect public health from mosquito born illnesses.

As outlined in PRIA 5, the Agency must establish the VERV program for potential registrants. To achieve this, the Agency will need to amend the current EPA Form 8570-1 “Application for Pesticide Registration/Amendment” for pesticide registrants through optional fields to apply for the voucher program and for the awarded expediated review. An optional check box will be added to the registration form for both the initial voucher application and the expedited review. Registration applicants may also attach an explanation for their voucher electronically or by paper with the registration form. The Agency will review the voucher application and award the voucher if the application meets the Agency’s requirements that include a description of the insecticide and public health impacts. Then, the applicant will redeem the voucher by choosing the expediated review option on the amended registration form.

Did EPA consult with stakeholders about this approach?

Yes. EPA has consulted with several pesticide stakeholders such as the PRIA Coalition, the Innovative Vector Control Consortium (IVCC) and the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA).

Will this change impact the annual ICR burden estimate?

This change to EPA Form 8570-1 “Application for Pesticide Registration/Amendment” for pesticide registrations, will not increase the annual ICR burden estimate. It is not mandatory for stakeholders to take advantage of this voucher program for the expediated registration review of certain insecticides. This action will not change the scope or content of submissions, nor would it prescribe a format.

The EPA Form 8570-1 “Application for Pesticide Registration/Amendment” may be submitted electronically via CDX or by paper. Those that choose to submit electronically may experience some savings related to postage and materials (paper, ink, etc.). Because the electronic reporting option is both time-limited and voluntary, these cost savings are likely to be *de minimis*.

What is the expected non-paperwork impact of this change?

There is no expected non-paperwork impact of this change.

What changes have been made to the Pesticide Registration form?

The EPA has updated Form 8750-1 “Application for Pesticide Registration/Amendment” as follows:

- Added an additional check box for expedited review of a pesticide with the voucher application to request expedite pesticide application in Box 6 “Expedited Review”.

Box 6: Expedited Review [Check off one box]

- A.** In accordance with FIFRA Section 3(c)(3)(b)(i), my product is similar to or identical in composition and labeling to:
 - EPA Reg. No. _____
 - Product Name _____
- B.** In Accordance with PRIA, my product is eligible for expedite under the voucher for novel mosquito control program