



Regulatory Committee

Annual Meeting

Sacramento, CA

March 31, 2025-April 3, 2025



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Agenda

- ▶ Introduction of the two new Regulatory Committee Co-chairs
- ▶ Appreciation for Jenni Lilly and her time as co-chair
- ▶ 2025 Priorities
 - ▶ Where we are on those priorities
 - ▶ USDA Update (John and Ellen)
- ▶ EPA Communications Subcommittee Update
- ▶ PRIA Scorecard
- ▶ Organics Subcommittee Update (Karen and Scott)



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New RC Co-Chairs!

- ▶ **Bonnie MacCulloch** from Ramboll and **Diego Castaneda** of Corteva will be joining Megan Priest as co-chairs of the Regulatory Committee
 - ▶ Jennifer Lilly stepped down from the RC co-chair after 7 years and is still actively involved with BPIA
 - ▶ Lisa Baker is helping with the transition through May, and will remain involved with BPIA

Jennifer Lilly -Thank you

- ▶ Jenni has done a great job in leading the RC-the heart of the RC
- ▶ Jenni's organization and leadership helped the RC build relationships with BPPD and initiate several new committees and task forces
- ▶ Jenni was in a leadership role for 7 years and accomplished many tasks including:
 - ▶ Volunteering and supporting all workshops and BPIA meetings
 - ▶ Informed the board and government affairs group aware of RC activities
 - ▶ Gathered excitement and action around topics and hill days
 - ▶ Kept BPIA members included and informed of all activity to the best of her ability.
- ▶ **Thank you, Jenni!!!!**



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Regulatory Committee: 2025 Priorities

- ▶ BPPD Engagement with Madison Le and Shannon Borges
- ▶ Advocating for EPA BPPD funding
- ▶ USDA engagement and relationship building
 - ▶ The USDA committee is partnering with BIO and ASTA following the December court ruling regarding 7 CFR Part 340. We are creating a regulatory strategy to share with USDA that would align to the legacy 340. The committee would like to develop a stronger relationship with PPQ and BRS and are determining how best to proceed with the current changes.
- ▶ CDPR and CDFA training by Training Subcommittee (in person after the Annual Meeting this Thursday, April 3rd)
- ▶ Updating PR Notice 98-10 in coordination with the PRIA Coalition
- ▶ Continued engagement in MyPest EPA Workgroup
- ▶ PRIA 6



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Regulatory Committee: 2025 Priorities (continued)

- ▶ Reinvigorating mentor/buddy system for new BPIA members as well as transfer of knowledge.
- ▶ Fostering the new development of the women in biologicals network.
- ▶ Finding additional interactive approaches for RC monthly meetings to allow for members to become more engaged and allow more reserved members to have their questions and thoughts brought to the larger group (anonymously if preferred).
- ▶ Endangered Species Act Reviews and FTE at Fish and Wildlife Services



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USDA BRS Update

- ▶ We have spoken on the Dec 2024 court ruling which vacated what was known as the “secure rule” under part 340 and this put regulation of modified or biotech organisms back under legacy 340
- ▶ With this ruling and the actions of the current administration, BIO/ASTA/BPIA members met in early March for a workshop to create a united message and strategy
- ▶ **Quick wins: What improvements can be made by guidance and do not require rulemaking?**
- ▶ **Three Priorities: Clarifying or Propose Key Definitions and Processes**
 - ▶ Refine the "regulated article" definition
 - ▶ “Am-I-Regulated” process to better reflect current needs
 - ▶ Propose changes to permit and notification requirements.



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USDA-BRS Update (continued)

- ▶ The workshop included breakout sessions and opportunities for the groups to come back and share what was discussed with everyone
- ▶ This is still an evolving discussion for everyone and doesn't have a simple solution.
- ▶ Another workshop day is planned for April and we will keep everyone informed.



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EPA Communications Update

- Staffing
 - 537 FTEs on payroll, with 525 actively working
 - Rehiring due to court order on probationary status; these hires are currently on administrative leave due to ongoing legal challenges.
- MyPest April 18 Update
 - Next rollout on April 18 will introduce sorting through cases, filters, and registration case tracking.
- EPA's Inert Finder has not been updated since February 29, 2024, and cannot be updated since it is based on outdated technology.

PRIA Scorecard

PRIA 5 SCORECARD: OPP and DIVISION METRICS					
Biological and Pollution Prevention Division					
Metric	Quarter 1 (2/27/24)	Quarter 2 (6/14/24)	Quarter 3 (8/18/24)	Quarter 4 (12/1/24)	Quarter 1 2025 (3/1/25)
Total Pending Actions	310	324	348	321	322
Number of Pending Late Actions	121	149	148	149	152
Percentage of Pending Actions that are Late	38.71%	44.14%	41.09%	46.73%	47.52
Average days late	330	389	406	361	387
Average Percentage of time past the PRIA due date	38.01%	89.64%	94.63%	91.70%	90.59%
Percentage of time past the PRIA due date by Action Type	Inert: 141.37%; New Product: 57.43%; New Use: 105.21%; Tolerance: -69.27%; New AI: 36.16%	Inert: 312.88%; New Product: 997.1%; New Use: 354.95%; Tolerance: 155.2%; New AI: 84.8%	Inert: 347.4%; New Product: 119.6%; New Use: 461.26%; Misc: 51.33%; Tolerance: 176.63%; Amendment: 75.09%; New AI: 87.88%	Inert: 406.58%; New Product: 97.75%; New Use: 355.54%; Misc: 68.4%; Tolerance: 119.19%; Amendment: 95.77%; New AI: 81.95%	New Product: 84.34%; New Use: 166.878%; Misc: 77.61%; Tolerance: 146.39%; Amendment: 106.11%; New AI: 106.44%; SCLP: 106.44%
Total Pending Amendments	141	224	217	173	185
Number of Pending Amendments that are over a Year Late	75	82	82	79	82
Percentage of Pending Amendments that are over a Year Late	53.19%	36.60%	37.79%	45.66%	44.32%
Total Pending Notifications	75	87	96	42	52
Number of Pending Notifications that are over a Year Late	17	19	22	9	10
Percentage of Pending Notifications that are over a Year Late	22.67%	21.84%	22.92%	21.43	19.92%



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Organic Subcommittee Update

- NOSB actions and responses to actions from the Fall meeting in Portland regarding the Inerts proposal
- Considerations for a letter to the NOP Deputy Administrator
- CITAB changes and impacts



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Membership

- ▶ We appreciate everyone coming to Sacramento and are happy to see so many people interested in the RC. You are the reason we do what we do and we thank you for your support and enthusiasm.
- ▶ We are always looking for people to be more involved and lead discussions or webinars or even to be more vocal in meetings. We want to support you and need your involvement to ensure we are meeting BPIA member's needs.