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Agricultural Retailers Association

The Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA) is a nonprofit trade association that serves as the political voice of agricultural retailers and distributors.

ARA's leadership includes a 44-person board representing retailers, distributors and suppliers of crop protection products, fertilizer, equipment, technology and other services.

ARA members represent a majority of U.S. agribusiness dealers; approximately 6,500 agronomy retail and distribution outlets.

2018 ARA Public Policy Priorities

- NPDES Permits / Clean Water Act Jurisdiction
- Support use of crop protection products registration and reregistration;PRIA reauthorization; Pollinator Protection related issues.
- Codify OSHA Process Safety Management retail exemption
- Farm Bill Reauthorization
- CFATS reauthorization
- Transportation Issues (Electronic Logging Devices, Commercial Drivers; Hazmat Transportation; STB and rail shipping issues; infrastructure investment)
- Ag Work Force Needs
- Pro-Growth Economic Policies / Free & Fair Trade
- Smart Regulatory Reform / Deregulation

Regulatory Reform Impacting Agricultural Retail and Next Steps

- On May 15, 2017, ARA submitted a response to EPA.
- The EPA regulatory reform agenda for EPA includes:
 - Restoring the principle of scientific risk-based regulation as required by FIFRA
 - Restoring science and predictability to the pesticide registration process
 - NPDES Pesticide General Permitting requirements
 - Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA)
 - Annual Pesticide Production Reports- EPA Form 3540-16
 - Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS)

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- Agricultural Retail Regulatory Reform Priorities (cont.):
 - Certified Applicator & Training Rules
 - Risk Management Program (RMP)
 - SARA Tier II Reports (40 CFR 370.20)
 - Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC)
 - General Duty Clause
 - Focus on Compliance Assistance
 - Waters of the U.S. Rule



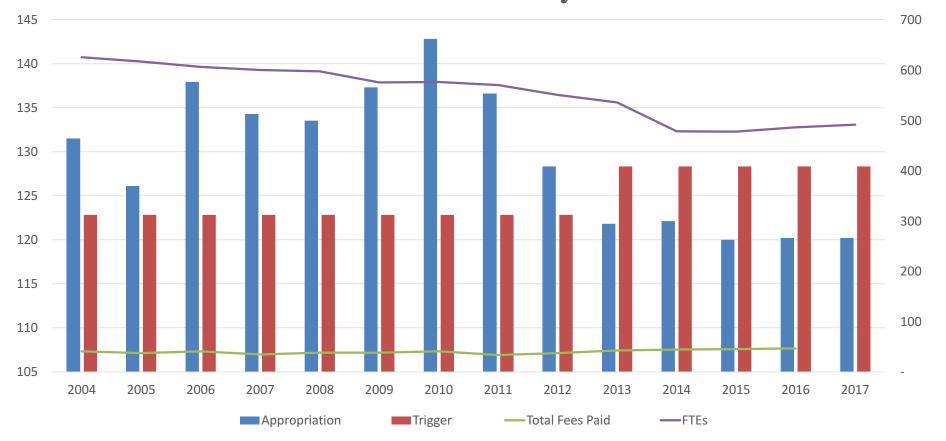








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