

Evaluation for the Pest Management Regulatory Agency Cost Recovery Initiative

Process Overview

BACKGROUND

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has completed five years of cost recovery (1997-98 to 2001-02) and is undertaking an evaluation of its cost recovery initiative. This initiative was implemented in April 1997 after extensive consultation with all stakeholders. The Agency wishes to seek advice, in this evaluation, from those who are knowledgeable of the government's cost recovery policy, and the Agency's mandate from both an operational and cost recovery perspective.

This review will examine the effectiveness of the PMRA costing model, whether and how the PMRA performance has been affected by cost recovery fees, and the impact of the PMRA cost recovery initiative on a broad range of stakeholders:

- a) large, medium and small businesses in the pesticides products industry including distributors, wholesalers and retailers;
- b) consumers, growers, and other users, the Canadian public, provincial ministries of Agriculture and Environment and other clients within the pesticide regulatory system; and
- c) the Pest Management Regulatory Agency itself.

PROCESS

To expedite the evaluation of the PMRA cost recovery initiative, a similar process to two other Health Canada evaluations, the Therapeutic Products Directorate Phase IV review (completed in June 2000) and the Medical Devices Cost Recovery Evaluation (completed in March 2002), will be followed. The key steps are:

- a) *Establishment of an Evaluation Steering Committee*
Comprised of representatives from federal and provincial governments, industry, growers, and consumers, the Steering Committee, through those members that are representing an organization, acts as a two-way communications conduit and liaison between their organization, and the Committee oversees the evaluation process to ensure that it is objective and of value to all participants.

- b) *Creation of a Technical Sub-Committee*
This body of experts provides technical expertise and input into the draft Request for Proposals (RFPs) to select a contractor who will carry out the evaluation, and evaluation criteria for the selection of the winning proposal. The Technical Sub-Committee will also participate in meetings with the contractor on technical issues related to the project if required.
- c) *Request for Proposals (RFPs)*
Following the development of an RFP and RFP evaluation criteria by the Evaluation Steering Committee and the Technical Sub-Committee, it is anticipated that a contractor will be selected by (*to be determined*).