

SFIREG Joint Working Committee Meeting

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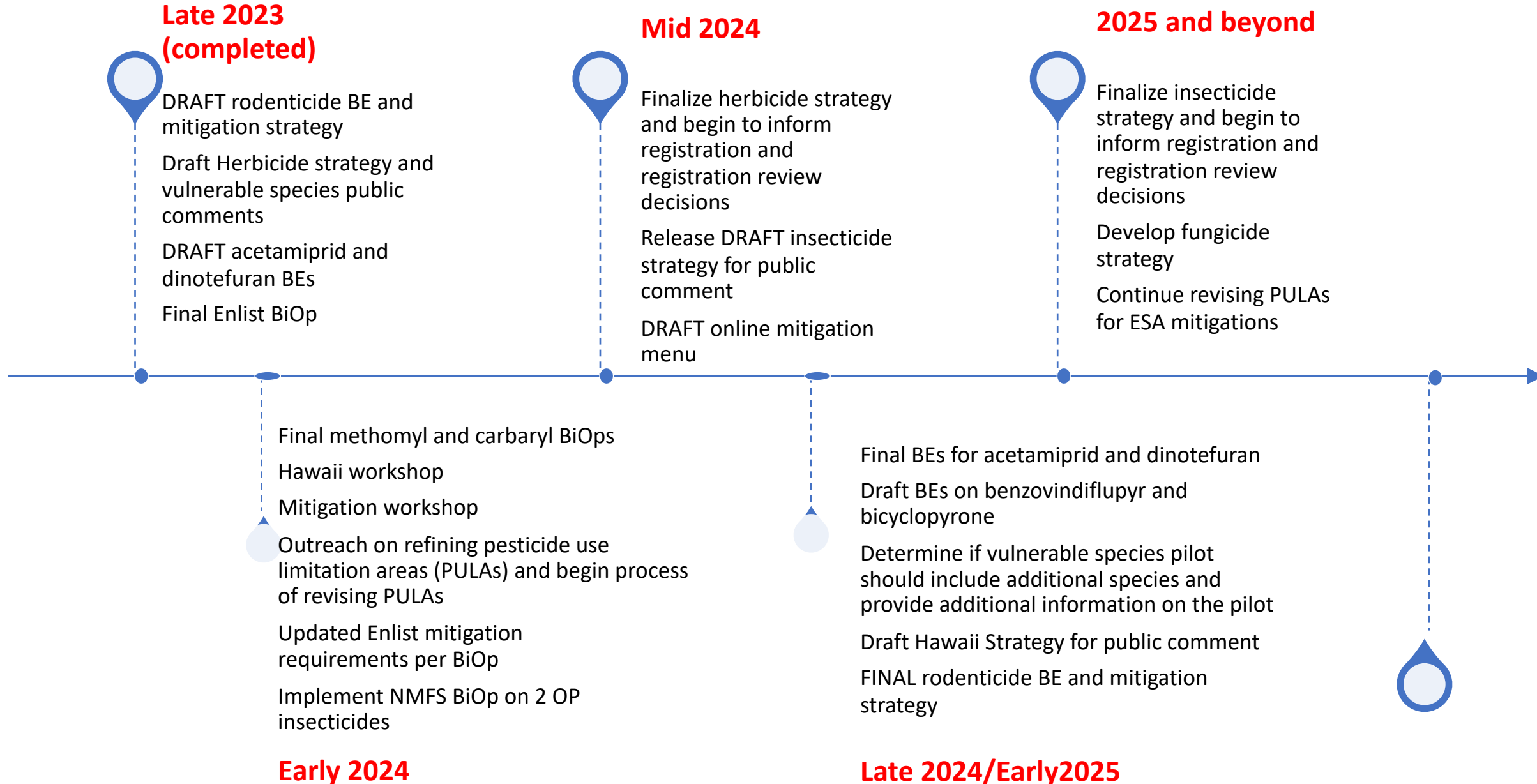
Priorities

- PRIA 5 Implementation
- Registration and Registration Review
- ESA Efficiencies and Progress on our ESA Obligations
- Implementation of Agency Priorities
 - Environmental Justice
 - Climate Change
- Advancing State of the Art Science
 - PFAS – EDSP – NAMs
- Rule-Making, Guidance, Litigation, OIG, and Petition Responses
- Advancing Digital Transformation
- Employee Experience/Organizational Development /Process (GP2W) (People, Processes, and Technology)

ESA Priorities

- **Steady progress**, with a recognition we can't solve this problem all at once
- **Increasing efficiency** of BE development and consultation
- **Transparency**
- **Opportunities for Stakeholders** to be part of the solution
- **Refined Maps** to narrow geographic restrictions to only those areas needed to protect listed species
- **Early proactive mitigations** to protect listed species from pesticide exposure
- **Flexible and Implementable** Mitigations for pesticide users
- **Off-sets** as another tool to minimize impact on pesticide users and protect species

Select Ongoing and Upcoming ESA Activities



Hiring Update

- Overall, in FY 2023 EPA brought on 50 staff and 53 staff left OPP (this includes detail assignments to/from OPP);
- Status of new hiring activity (excludes details):
 - OPP hired 30 new people in fiscal year 2023;
 - OPP experienced a loss of 40 people in FY23;
- In the calendar year since passage of PRIA 5 (January through December 2023) OPP hired 35 new people and 34 departed.
- In FY 2024 as of the end of February, OPP had hired 17 new employees and had 15 employees depart.

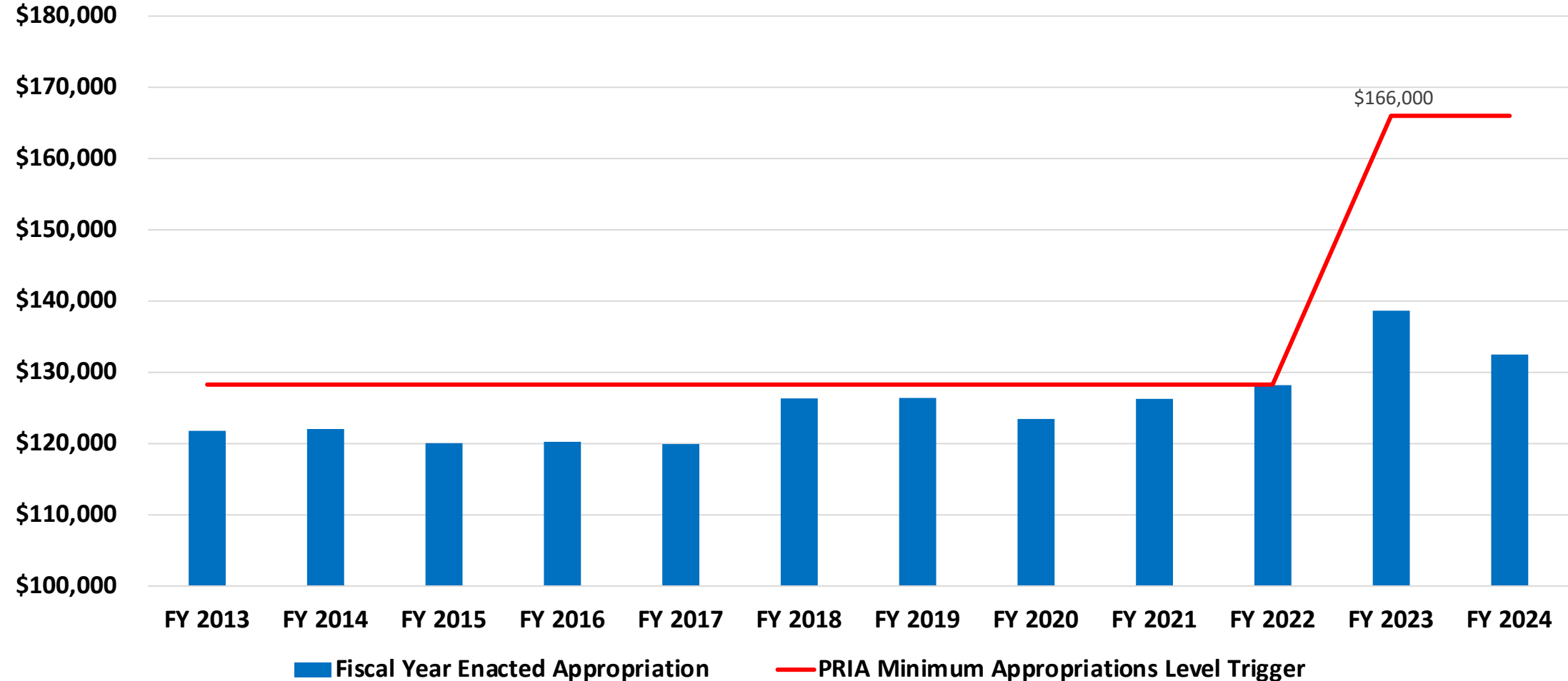
FY24 Appropriations and Fee Collection Impact

- For FY24, the Presidents' Budget requested ~**\$172 million** from Congress for the pesticide programs at EPA through the Environmental Programs and Management (EPM), Science and Technology (S&T), and State and Tribal appropriations
- Congress only provided overall funding of ~**\$121 million** through these appropriations
- This funding level is almost **\$37 million** below the FY24 Pres Bud
 - Also represents a cut of **\$5.155 million** from these FY23 Congressionally Enacted appropriations
- This cut is significant to our programs
 - For context, this \$5.5 million decrease in funding represents 25.8 FTEs (federal employees) or contractor equivalents for the year.
- FY24 PRIA fee collections are significantly less than anticipated (~**\$6 million**)
- The significant decrease in resources negatively impact our programs' ability to manage the workload and subsequently time to complete actions will worsen

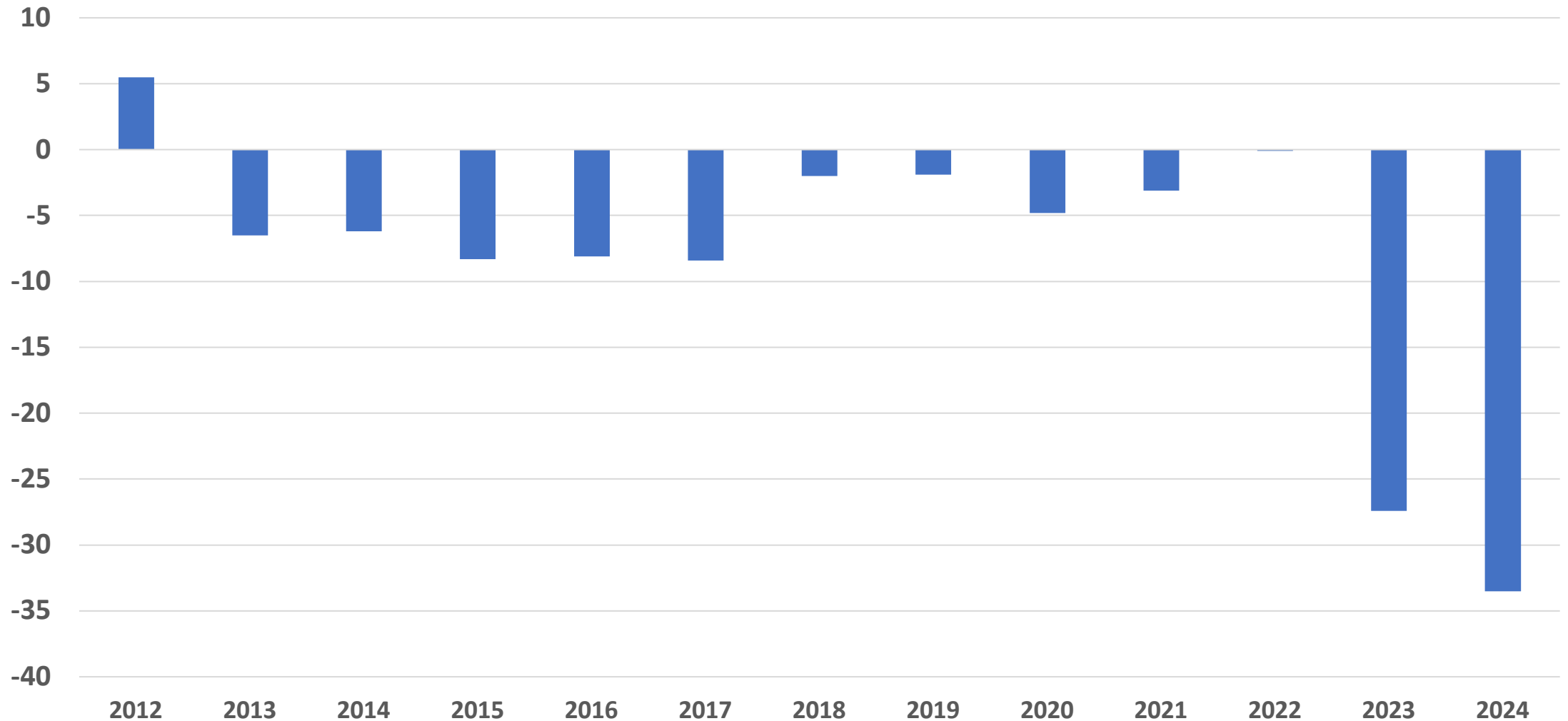
Appropriations

- PRIA minimum appropriations level: **\$166,000,000**
- FY 2023 Final budget: **\$138,646,000**
- FY 2024 Final budget (projection): **\$132,464,000**
- FY 2025 President's budget: **\$175,027,000**
 - STAG: \$14,027,000
 - EPM: \$150,000,000
 - S&T: \$11,000,000

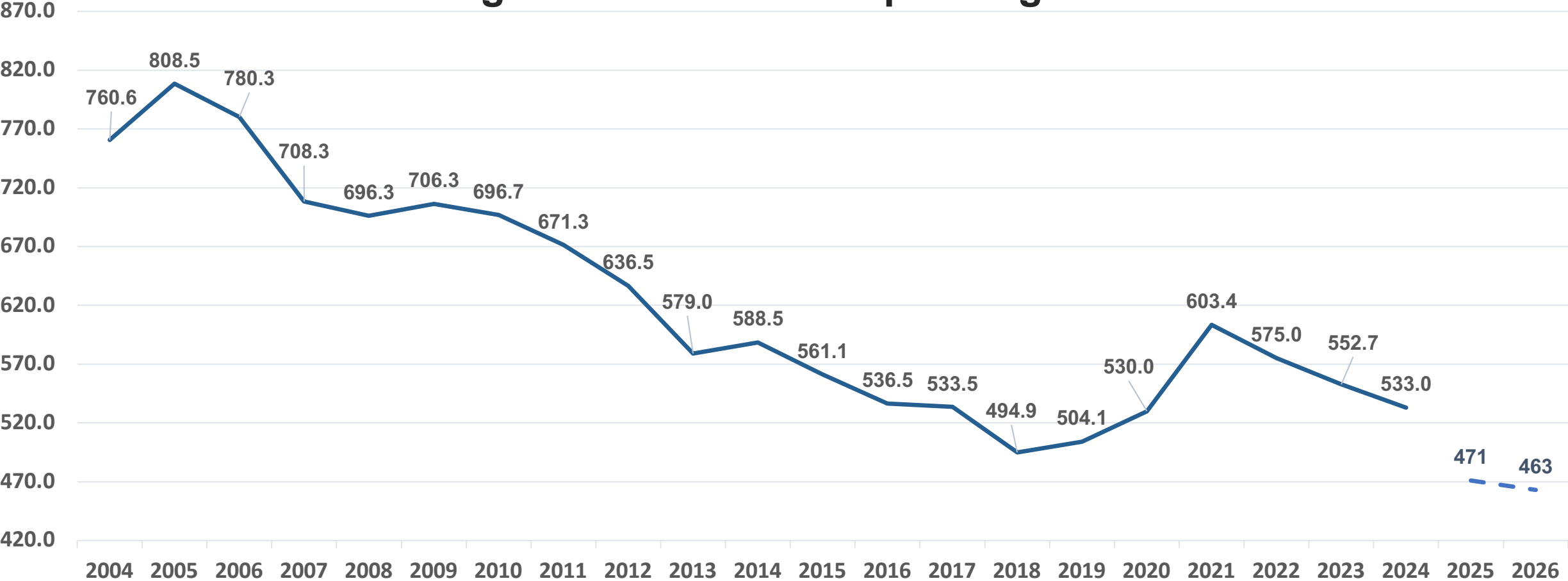
Pesticides Enacted Appropriations by Fiscal Year, FY 2012-2024 (Dollars in Thousands)



Amount Funding (\$Million) Below Minimum Appropriation Level (FY 2012 - FY 2024)

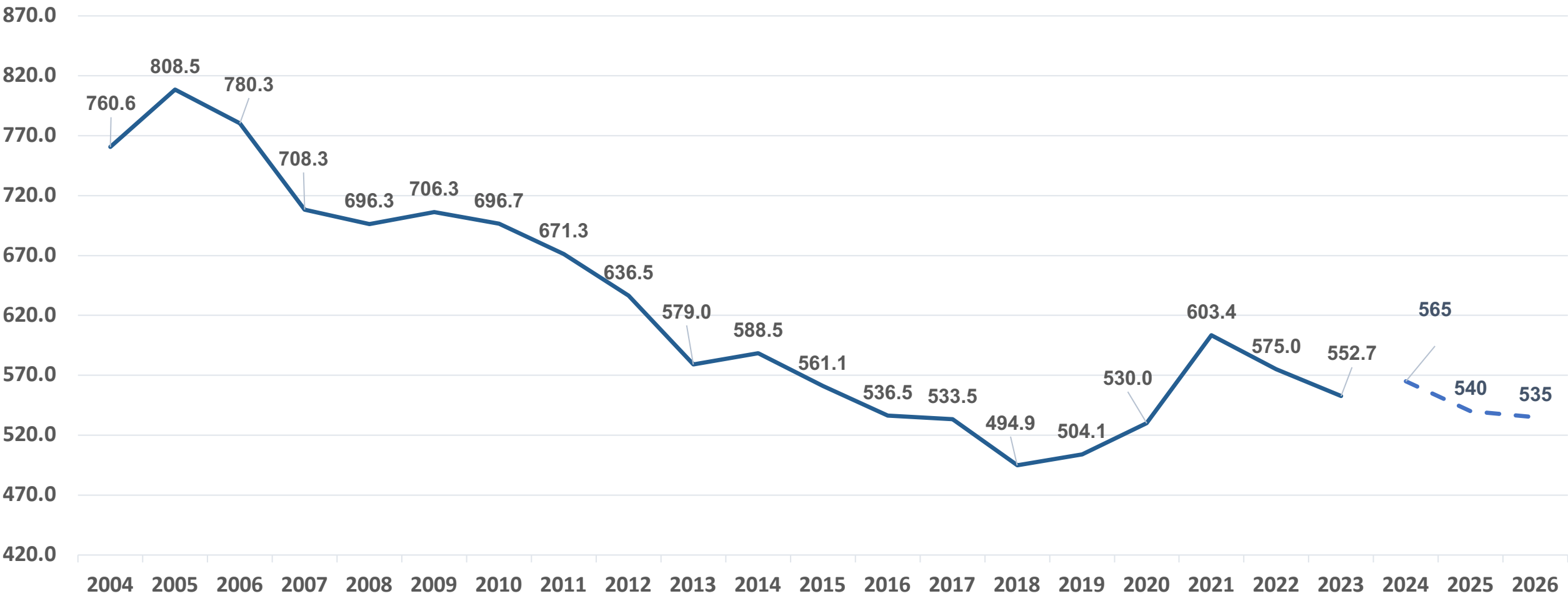


EOY Total FTE Usage Assuming FTE Cuts and Holding Current Contract Spending Constant



95 FTE deducted from the OCSP Program funding levels to normalize the data to reflect OCSP Reorganization and those FTE being moved to OPS.

EOY Total FTE Usage Assuming FTE Cuts and \$34M Contract Reduction (40%) from FY24-FY26



95 FTE deducted from the OCSPP Program funding levels to normalize the data to reflect OCSPP Reorganization and those FTE being moved to OPS.

Immediate FY 24 Budget Impacts

- Virtual PPDC
- Virtual SAPs
- Crop Tours
- IT Development Timing
- Significant Impacts to Hiring/Backfilling Staff
- Significant Delays to Registrations (upwards of 6 mo to 1 yr)
- Delays to other PRIA and Non-PRIA Actions

Major Projects: In Flight and Coming Soon

Historical Data Migration
Completion for RD

Data Management: Start All
Over!

Physical Infrastructure
Replacement

Document Repository
Modernization/Replacement

New Submission and
Communication Portal Design
and Build

Digital Forms, CSFs, Labels

DCI Modules for Issuance,
Communications, Data
Analysis

Enhancements to Registration
and Registration Review
Workflows

CY2024 ROADMAP

DCI OVERHAUL	MIGRATION 2	INFRASTRUCTURE	PORTAL	CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT
DCI Form DCI Communication DCI Tracking	Completed Cases from 2016-Date of Migration Close non-migrated cases up to DOM	Underlying physical and information technology devices Outdated and malfunctioning, causes severe disruption	Initial design session held December '23 Design sessions with internal and external Q1 Requirements Gathering Q2/Q3 Initial deployment Q3/Q4... project completion mid '25	Internal work on People and Process – what can we improve on, streamline, make life easier? Minor enhancements to UI/UX to make navigation easier, reduce errors, enhance engagement

PREP Update

- **Pesticide Regulatory Education Program (PREP)** – OPP program designed for states, tribes and territories to train pesticide managers on key pesticide issues of national significance, and to foster strong relationships and information sharing between coregulators.
- **2024 Season Line-up:**
 - Certification & Training PREP – April 22-25th, Fort Collins, CO
 - Compliance & Enforcement Management PREP – June 24-27th, Davis, CA
 - Pesticide Labels From Registration to Enforcement PREP (new course) August 5-8th, Fort Collins, CO
 - Laboratory Issues PREP – September 23-26th, Denver, CO
- **Behind the scenes** – The PREP Team formed a small workgroup to consolidate all historical data and develop an easier system for future data entry and management.

PIRT Update

- **Pesticide Residential Training Program (PIRT)** – OECA program designed for states, tribal and territorial inspectors that typically funds two national pesticide classroom courses a year.
- **Upcoming Course:** Pollinator Issues PIRT, July 15-18, 2024 in Raleigh, NC.
 - Registration will open in late spring/early summer.

Sign-up for OPP Pesticide Updates

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- Go to epa.gov/pesticides
- Go to the “Recent Highlights and Pesticide News” box in the right corner
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