

2003 Current Fiscal Year Report: EPA-USDA Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition

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1. Department or Agency
Environmental Protection Agency

2. Fiscal Year
2003

3. Committee or Subcommittee
EPA-USDA Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition

3b. GSA Committee No.
13852

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? No

5. Current Charter 06/18/2002

6. Expected Renewal Date 06/18/2004

7. Expected Term Date 06/18/2004

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? No

8b. Specific Termination Authority Agency Decision

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority Agency

13. Effective Date 05/07/2002

14. Committee Type Continuing

14c. Presidential? No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
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CARAT Transition Work Group Meeting --
the purpose was to focus on recent case
studies for the following commodities:
almonds, carrots, cranberries, peaches,
potatoes and walnuts. These commodities
were selected because of current pest
management problems either from
regulatory action, pest resistance, or a lack
of adequate control measures. The Work
Group developed recommendations for EPA
and USDA to be presented at the full
Committee meeting of the Committee to
Advise on Reassessment and Transition on
October 11-2, 2003.

07/17/2003 - 07/18/2003

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$124,998.00	\$150,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$9,775.00	\$40,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00

18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$35,002.00	\$50,000.00
18e. Total Costs	\$169,775.00	\$240,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.20	1.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Accomplishments for FY 2003: The CARAT Transition Work Group met to focus on recent case studies for the following commodities: almonds, carrots, cranberries, peaches, potatoes and walnuts. These commodities were selected because of current pest management problems either from regulatory action, pest resistance, or a lack of adequate control measures. The Work Group developed proposed recommendations for EPA and USDA to be presented and deliberated upon by CARAT's full Committee which will meet on October 1-2, 2003 (FY 04). Background: The EPA-USDA Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (CARAT) was newly established on June 18, 2002, and did not meet in FY 02. (CARAT previously met on February 27-28, 2002, as a Subcommittee to the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology). CARAT provides a public forum for a balanced group of stakeholders representing a broad array of interests and backgrounds to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA and the Secretary of Agriculture. The major objectives are to provide advice and recommendations on issues including: a. Identifying opportunities for reasonable transition and strategic pest management planning for agriculture and public health uses of pesticides; b. Promoting sound

science and transparency in the scientific risk assessments necessary to implement the Food Quality Protection Act, including tolerance reassessment and pesticide reregistration; c. Assuring appropriate priority is given to risk management strategies for the pesticides that are most likely to lead to exposures to children; d. Ensuring acceptable pesticide safety while developing strategic approaches for critical pest control needs; e. Increasing the availability of safer pest management strategies, including chemical and non-chemical alternatives, for growers and other users; f. Fostering transparency and public participation in decision making.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership to CARAT is solicited through the Federal Register and special attention is placed on ensuring balanced membership, including geographical diversity. Pesticide Program senior managers consulted with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, other Agency leadership and with representatives from the various stakeholders represented on the previous Committee to ensure balance. Members include representatives from environmental/public interest groups; farmworker organizations; industry and trade associations; user, grower and commodity groups; Federal, State, local and Tribal governments; public health organizations; academia; and the general public.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 2 or 3 per year.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The EPA-USDA Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (CARAT) provides a forum for a diverse group of stakeholders from across the country who represent a broad range of interests and backgrounds to provide advice and recommendations to EPA and USDA regarding strategic approaches for pest management planning and tolerance reassessment for pesticides as required by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA). Following passage of FQPA in 1996, EPA and USDA began a public stakeholder process to ensure smooth implementation of the new food safety law. CARAT brings together expertise from all perspectives to provide advice to EPA and USDA to ensure smooth implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) through use of sound science, consultation with stakeholders, increased transparency and reasonable transition for agriculture. Through CARAT, the public is afforded a meaningful and timely opportunity to learn first-hand about the pesticide issues affected by FQPA and to provide meaningful input to both EPA and USDA regarding tolerance reassessment issues before final decisions are made. There are no other existing public forums which focus on the time-sensitive and often controversial issues emanating from the Food Quality Protection Act, including the development of strategic approaches for pest management planning and tolerance reassessment for pesticides as required by FQPA. CARAT clearly supports several Agency strategic goals and priorities – safe food; pollution prevention, and reducing risks in communities, homes, workplaces and ecosystems; expansion of Americans right to know about their environment; and sound science. CARAT also directly supports goals of other key cross-Agency programs, i.e.,

Children's Health Protection Program. During FY 2003, an extensive effort focused on pest management transition issues involving almonds, cranberries, peaches, walnuts, potatoes and carrots. These commodities were selected because of current pest management problems either from regulatory action, pest resistance or a lack of adequate control measures.

Recommendations by the CARAT Transition Work Group were developed and presented to the full CARAT at its October 1-2, 2003 meeting. It is essential for the CARAT Committee to continue and to provide feedback to EPA and USDA so that the recommendations can be accepted and implemented.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open. The full CARAT Committee did not meet in FY 2003 but did meet on October 1-2, 2003. The CARAT Work Group on Transition met in FY 2003.

21. Remarks

CARAT was previously a subcommittee under EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT); however, it was established as a chartered Tier 1 advisory committee on June 18, 2002, for a two-year term.

Designated Federal Officer

Margie P. Fehrenbach Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Amador, Jose	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Texas A&M University, Weslaco, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Arellano, John	10/01/2003	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Arellano Management Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Baker, Cindy	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Gowan Company, Yuma, AZ	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Balling, Steve	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Del Monte Foods, Walnut Creek, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Berger, Lori	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, California Minor Crops Council, Tulare, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Botts, Daniel	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Orlando, FL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brickey, Carolyn	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Institute for Environment & Agriculture, Tucson, AZ	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Clover Adams, Jamie	06/18/2002	06/18/2003	Tier 1, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Topeka, KS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Davis, Shelley	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Farmworker Justice Fund, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ewart, Hugh	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, California Citrus Quality Council, Auburn, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Falk, Henry	10/01/2003	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Director, National Center for Environmental Health, CDC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Foster, Nancy	10/01/2003	06/18/2004	Tier 1, US Apple Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Goldberg, Adam	06/18/2002	06/18/2003	Tier 1, Consumers Union, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gur, Ephraim	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Makhteshim-Agan of North America, New York, NY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hedberg, Rob	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, National & Regional Weed Science Societies, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Helliker, Paul	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, California Department of Pesticide Regulation, Sacramento, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jackson, Richard	06/18/2002	06/18/2003	Tier 1, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, Stephen	06/18/2003	06/18/2004	Tier 1, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kiefer, Robert	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Consumer Specialty Products Association, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lovelady, William	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, National Cotton Council, Tornillo, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lynch, Sarah	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maslyn, Mark	10/01/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McFarland, Janis	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., Greensboro, NC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Miller, Mark	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, American Academy of Pediatrics, Chico, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Moseley, James	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ohmart, Cliff	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Lodi-Woodbridge Winegrape Commission, Lodi, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Olson, Erik	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ortman, Eldon	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, CSREES, US Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Provost, Irving	10/01/2003	06/18/2004	Tier 1, OST Tribal Pesticide Policy Council, Pine Ridge, S.D.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rigolizzo, John	06/18/2002	06/18/2003	Tier 1, New Jersey Farm Bureau, Trenton, NJ	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rosenberg, Robert	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, National Pest Management Association, Dunn Loring, VA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rutz, Steven	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Tallahassee, FL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Snetsinger, Ed	06/18/2002	06/18/2003	Tier 1, White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa, White Earth, MN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Spitko, Robin	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, New England Fruit Consultants, Montague, MA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

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Troxell, Terry	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Food and Drug Administration(HFS-300), College Park, MD	
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vroom, Jay	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, CropLife America, Washington, DC	
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Whalon, Mark	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wichterman, George	06/18/2002	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Lee County Mosquito Control District, Fort Myers, FL	
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Willett, Michael	06/18/2002	06/18/2003	Tier 1, Northwest Horticulture Council, Yakima, WA	
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilson, Darrell	10/01/2003	06/18/2004	Tier 1, Professor and Chief, Pediatric Endocrinology & Diabetes, Stanford Univ	
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wittenberg, Margaret	06/18/2002	06/18/2003	Tier 1, Whole Foods Market, Inc., Austin, TX	
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zellers, Jeffrey	10/01/2003	06/18/2004	Tier 1, KW Zellers & Son, Harville, Ohio	
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 42

Narrative Description

The Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition provides a public forum for a balanced group of stakeholders to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA and the Secretary of Agriculture regarding implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act, and in particular, strategic approaches for pest management planning and tolerance reassessment for pesticides. CARAT provides support for

the Agency's goal to protect, sustain, or restore the health of people, communities, and ecosystems using integrated and comprehensive approaches and partnerships. Through CARAT's focus on tolerance reassessment, EPA is continuing to meet the FQPA deadline to assess almost 10,000 tolerances within ten years (by 2006). Efforts are also underway to focus on specific commodities that are experiencing current pest management problems either from regulatory action, pest resistance or a lack of adequate control measures.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

3

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities

Reallocated resources

Issued new regulation

- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

NA