

Deadline for Paying Annual Pesticide Maintenance Fees -- January 15, 2020

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The **January 15, 2020**, deadline for payment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) annual [maintenance fee for pesticide registrations](#) is fast approaching. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Section 4(i)(5) requires that everyone who holds an active or suspended pesticide registration granted under FIFRA Sections 3 and 24(c) (special local needs) to pay an annual maintenance fee to keep the registration in effect. The maintenance fee requirement does not apply to supplemental registrations of distributors which are identified by a three-element registration number.

The fee for 2020 is \$4,000 for each registration up to the maximum fees which can be assessed to a single registrant. Each registrant of a pesticide must pay the annual fee and mail the response to EPA by Wednesday, **January 15, 2020**. Registrations for which the fee is not paid will be canceled, by order and without a hearing.

For certain qualified small businesses, the first product registration maintenance fee may be reduced by 25 percent, if the applicant meets the following criteria:

1. The applicant has 500 or fewer employees globally;
2. During the 3-year period prior to the most recent maintenance fee billing cycle the applicant has average annual gross revenue from all sources that do not exceed \$10,000,000; and
3. The applicant holds a total of 5 or fewer registrations subject to the maintenance fee.

There also are maintenance fee waivers for products that meet the criteria in two specific categories: minor agricultural use products and public health pesticides. The procedure for requesting a fee waiver for individual products is described in the [instructions](#) provided by EPA.

More information on the annual maintenance fees is available on [EPA's website](#).

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