

EPA Announces Annual Pesticide Maintenance Fee Forms Available to Download from EPA Website -- Deadline for Paying Is January 15, 2021

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The January 15, 2021, deadline for payment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) annual maintenance fee for pesticide registrations is approaching. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Section 4(i)(1)(A) 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.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, EPA states that most EPA staff continue to telework and are not in the EPA offices; therefore, EPA will not send maintenance fee information by mail this year. The instructions, maintenance fee filing form, fee tables, and product listings grouped by company numbers are available to download on [EPA's website](#). When completed, the filing submission should be emailed to maintfee@epa.gov. A paper copy should not be sent to EPA.

The fee for 2021 is \$4,000 for each registration up to the maximum fees that can be assessed to a single registrant. Each registrant of a pesticide must pay the annual fee and e-mail the response to EPA by Friday, January 15, 2021. Registrations for which the fee is not paid will be canceled, by order and without a hearing. As in years past, payment must be made electronically online at www.pay.gov.

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 three-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 five 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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