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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Pesticide Supervisors

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SUBJECT: FY 2008-2010 Joint OPP/OECA Cooperative Agreement Guidance

Attached is the final 2008-2010 Joint OPP/OECA Cooperative Agreement Guidance. Please share this with our state, territorial, and tribal co-regulators in your Region. Regions and state, territorial and tribal applicants should use this guidance in negotiating cooperative agreements for FY 2008 - 2010.

Resources under the grant are not expected to increase, while program demands continue at a static or increased level. This guidance reflects a desire to provide grantees maximum flexibility in operating strong core programs and still address a limited set of EPA priorities. The guidance minimizes the number of priorities to help achieve this objective. The emphasis on measures – PART and otherwise – goes hand in hand with achieving this objective. The purpose of collecting and using measures is to focus on accountability and promote strong, efficient and effective programs that adapt to resource constraints and still get needed results.

The guidance is attached as Adobe Acrobat PDF files, except for the Endangered Species Program End-of-Year Reporting Form, which is attached as an Excel spreadsheet file. The Water Quality Program End-of-Year Reporting Form is still under development, and will be sent out under a separate cover in the next few weeks. This cover letter, final guidance, and all appendices will be uploaded as Adobe PDF files to the EPA compliance website within the next week. The URL (website address) is <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/state/grants/fifra.html>

Thank you for the useful comments you provided during the various review cycles. If you have any questions on the guidance, please contact Dan Helfgott at 703-308-8054 for pesticide program questions and Al Havinga at 202-564-4147 for any pesticide enforcement related questions.

Thank you

Attachments