



# At a Glance

## **Independent Audit of the EPA's Fiscal Years 2023 and 2022 (Restated) Pesticides Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund Financial Statements**

### **Why We Did This Audit**

#### **To accomplish this objective:**

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act, requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General to perform an annual audit of the financial statements for the Pesticides Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund. Our primary objectives were to determine whether:

- The financial statements were fairly stated in all material respects.
- The EPA's internal controls over financial reporting were in place.
- The EPA's management complied with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

The EPA is responsible for reassessing the safety of older pesticide registrations against modern health and environmental testing standards, a process known as reregistration.

To expedite the reregistration process, Congress authorized the EPA to collect fees from pesticide manufacturers. The EPA deposits these fees into the Pesticides Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund.

#### **To support this EPA mission-related effort:**

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### **The EPA Received an Unmodified Opinion for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2022 (Restated)**

We rendered an unmodified opinion on the EPA's fiscal years 2023 and 2022 (Restated) Pesticides Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund financial statements-also known as the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Fund, financial statements, meaning that the statements were fairly presented and free of material misstatement.

**We found the fund's financial statements to be fairly presented and free of material misstatement.**

### **Material Weakness Noted**

We noted the following material weakness: the EPA materially misstated the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Fund income and expenses from other appropriations.

### **Compliance with Applicable Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements**

We did not identify any instances of noncompliance with any applicable laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements. In addition, the Agency complied with the statutory performance measures.

### **Recommendations and Planned Agency Corrective Actions**

We recommend that the chief financial officer correct the calculation in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act 23-06A on-top adjustment to accurately capture the amounts for footnote 9, "Income and Expenses from Other Appropriations (Restated)," and develop and implement standard operating procedures for calculating the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Fund income and expense from other appropriations.

The EPA agreed with the recommendations and have either completed corrective actions or provided an estimated time frame for completion.