

are appointed by the EPA Administrator for a two-year term. The GNEB meets approximately three times annually either in person or via video/teleconference, and the average workload for committee members is approximately 10 to 15 hours per month. Members serve on the committee in a voluntary capacity. Although we are unable to offer compensation or an honorarium, members may receive travel and per diem allowances, according to applicable federal travel regulations and the agency's budget.

The EPA is seeking nominations from a variety of sectors along the U.S.-Mexico border including representatives from business and industry, academia, non-governmental organizations, and local, state, county, and tribal governments.

According to the mandates of FACA, committees are required to have balanced points of view across a broad range of constituencies, sectors, and groups.

To learn more about the GNEB, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/faca/gneb>.

Request for Nominations:

Nominations for individuals with expertise or extensive experience in the following disciplines are requested:

- Representative of a sector or group that helps to shape border-region environmental policy or represents a group that is affected by border-region environmental policy;
- Extensive professional knowledge and experience with the issues on the southern border, including the bi-national dimension in State and Tribal waste reuse initiatives and scrap industries in the border region including food, rubber, critical minerals, and precious metals.
- Demonstrates senior level experience that will bring a new and relevant approach to the board's deliberations.
- Ability to work in a consensus building process with a wide range of representatives from various constituencies.
- Ability to contribute approximately 10 to 15 hours per month to the GNEB's activities, that include attending full committee, administrative, and working group meetings and participating in the development of advice letters or researching topics to publish reports.
- Demonstrate the potential for active and constructive involvement in the GNEB's work.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above for consideration to

serve on the GNEB. Individuals may self-nominate.

- To be considered, the following information should be provided on the nomination: contact information for the person making the nomination; contact information for the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's *curriculum vitae*; and a biographical sketch (if available) of the nominee indicating current position, educational background; research activities; sources of research funding for the last two years; and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations. Nominees will be contacted and asked to provide any updated or missing information from the nomination form. To help the Agency evaluate the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, please indicate how you learned of this nomination opportunity. The Federal Advisory Committee Management Branch (FACMB) will acknowledge receipt of nominations and address any questions the nominee has regarding membership. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than October 5, 2026. Persons who have questions about the nomination process should contact the DFO identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

- Nominees from the academic sector should also provide a letter of support authorizing the applicant to represent the views of a particular school/college (e.g., School of Environmental Science or College of Engineering) within the institution's system.

- Please be aware that EPA's policy is that, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, members generally are appointed for a two-year term. For appointment consideration, interested nominees should submit the application materials electronically via email to David B. Neill at neill.david@epa.gov with the subject line GNEB, COMMITTEE APPLICATION PACKAGE 2026 for (Name of Nominee) by (Name of Nominator).

Michael Hardy,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OGC-2026-6172; FRL-13572-01-OGC]

Proposed Settlement Agreement, Unreasonable Delay Claim Regarding Natural Resources Defense Council's Petition To Revoke Tolerances for Neonicotinoid Pesticides

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement agreement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator's March 18, 2022, Memorandum entitled *Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements to Resolve Environmental Claims Against the Agency*, notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement that resolves *In re Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, 25-1251 (D.C. Cir.), a case in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that alleges EPA unreasonably delayed in responding to a petition to revoke all tolerances for residues of neonicotinoid pesticides ("neonics") in or on food.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed settlement agreement must be received by September 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2026-6172 online at <https://www.regulations.gov> (EPA's preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID number for this action. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments, see the "Additional Information about Commenting on the Proposed Settlement Agreement" heading under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Huskey, Pesticides and Toxic Substances Law Office, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-2892; email address: huskey.angela@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining a Copy of the Proposed Settlement Agreement

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2026-6172) contains a

copy of the proposed settlement agreement. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744.

The electronic version of the public docket for this action contains a copy of the proposed settlement agreement and is available through <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may use <https://www.regulations.gov> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents to the official public docket, and access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select "search".

II. Additional Information About the Proposed Settlement Agreement

On May 4, 2020, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) petitioned EPA, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), to revoke all tolerances for residues of five neonic on or in food—acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid, and thiamethoxam. Plaintiffs subsequently filed a mandamus petition on October 29, 2025, alleging that EPA's failure to issue a final decision on the FFDCA petition constitutes an unreasonable delay under the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. 1651(a), and the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), 5 U.S.C. 555(b).

The proposed settlement agreement states that no later than April 30, 2027, EPA must issue a final decision on Petitioner's administrative petition under 21 U.S.C. 346a(d)(4)(A). Further, the proposed settlement agreement states that within 15 days of the execution of the proposed settlement agreement, the parties will file a joint motion to continue holding the litigation in abeyance pending the April 30, 2027 deadline for EPA's issuance of a final decision on the administrative petition.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this publication, the Agency will accept written comments relating to the proposed settlement agreement from persons who are not named as parties to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or considerations that

indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the APA or FFDCA. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines that consent should be withdrawn, the terms of the proposed settlement agreement will be affirmed.

III. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Settlement Agreement

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2026-6172 via <https://www.regulations.gov>. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from this docket. EPA may publish any comment received to its docket. Do not submit to EPA's docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>. For additional information about submitting information identified as CBI, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document. Note that written comments containing CBI and submitted by mail may be delayed and deliveries or couriers will be received by scheduled appointment only.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an email or other contact information in the body of your comment. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you if EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact

you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Use of the <http://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, email address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

Dated: August 13, 2026.

Randolph L. Hill,

Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients (June 2026)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of receipt and request for comment.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Agency's receipt of and solicits comments on applications to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any currently registered pesticide products. The Agency is providing this notice in accordance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). EPA uses the month and year in the title to identify when the Agency compiled the applications identified in this notice of receipt Unit II. of this document identifies certain applications received in 2025 that are currently being evaluated by EPA, along with information about each application, including when it was received, who submitted the application, and the purpose of the application.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by the docket identification (ID) number and the *EPA File Symbol* or the *EPA Registration Number* of interest as shown in Unit II. of this document, online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit