

# OISC Updates

185th Indiana Pesticide Review Board Meeting  
May 20, 2026



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# OISC Staffing & Program Updates

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# Request from 184<sup>th</sup> IPRB – Update the OISC ESA Resources document to include clickable links

[OISC ESA Resources Document](#)  
[OISC ESA Website](#)

**ESA Resources**

Watch the ESA YouTube video here!

**OISC** Questions? Call the Office of Indiana State Chemist:  
(765)494-7142  
[www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/esa.html](http://www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/esa.html)

	Bulletins Live! Two (Search "EPA BLT")		EPA Pesticide App for Label Mitigations (Search "EPA PALM")
	ESA Toolbox (Search "EPA ESA Toolbox")		EPA Mitigation Menu (Search "EPA Mitigation Menu")

EPA General & Technical Helpline  
Call: 1-844-447-3813 Email: [ESPP@epa.gov](mailto:ESPP@epa.gov)

Turn page over for step-by-step application instructions

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# ESA Document Update

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## **Draft Fungicide Strategy**

Posted to Regulations.gov on April 30<sup>th</sup>

Public comment period – by June 29<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species/draft-strategy-protect-endangered-species-fungicides>

<https://www.regulations.gov/> - docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2026-2973

# EPA – Draft Fungicide Strategy

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# Mandatory Training & Registrant Websites:

[Bayer](#)

[BASF](#)

[Syngenta](#)

**Indiana specific label:  
Do NOT apply after June 12**

**RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE**  
To be used by certified applicators only; NOT to be used by uncertified persons working under the supervision of a certified applicator, except that uncertified persons may transport containers.

Additional Indiana-specific restrictions as found on  
[EngeniaHerbicide.com/labels](http://EngeniaHerbicide.com/labels)

For Distribution and Use Only in the State of Indiana

## Engenia<sup>®</sup>

Herbicide

This labeling expires February 6, 2028, and must not be used or distributed after this date.  
EPA Reg No. 7969-507

**Directions For Use**

- It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.
- Refer to the Engenia<sup>®</sup> herbicide container label for complete Directions For Use and all applicable restrictions and precautions. Use of Engenia according to this labeling is subject to the use precautions, restrictions, and limitations imposed by the label affixed to the container for Engenia. Read the label affixed to the Engenia container before applying. This labeling and the Engenia container label must be in the possession of the user at the time of pesticide application.
- In the event that there are any inconsistencies with the directions for use between this and any other labeling for this product, follow the directions for use on this labeling.

**Application Directions**

In order to apply Engenia in Indiana, the following requirement applies:

- In DT cotton **DO NOT** apply after June 12.
- In DT soybeans **DO NOT** apply after June 12.

**RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE**

The user must check [EngeniaHerbicide.com/labels](http://EngeniaHerbicide.com/labels) no more than 7 days before application of this product for additional labeling, including state restrictions. Where applicable, users must comply with additional requirements found on this website.

Record Keeping Requirement: Maintain a copy of the product label and any labeling that supplements the product label.

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Example of Indiana state specific labeling



## Codes and Limitations Table

Code	Limitation
DC125	This crop use is located within a PULA. Therefore, <b>3 ADDITIONAL points (for a total of 6 points)</b> of runoff/erosion mitigations must be achieved for this crop use using the Mitigation Menu ( <a href="https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/mitigation-menu">https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/mitigation-menu</a> ).

# Dicamba

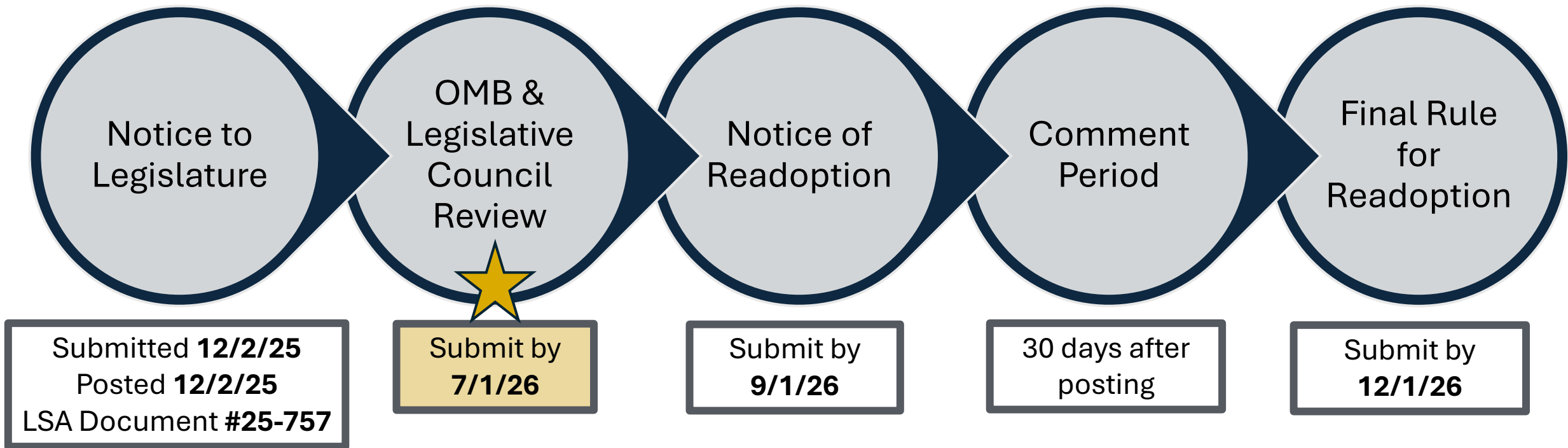
<https://oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/dicamba.html>

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# Rule Readoption

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## Current Progress for Full 355 IAC 4 - 2026



[LSA 355 25-757 | IARP](#)

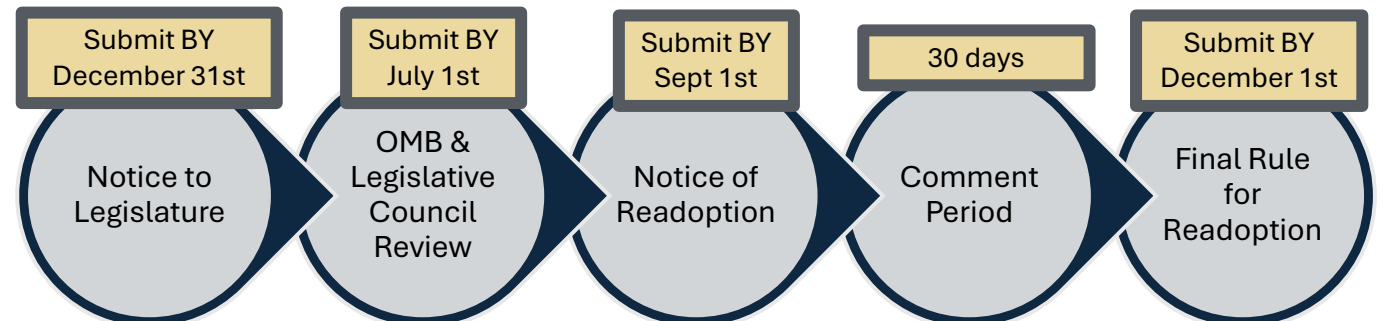
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## Next Steps 355 IAC 4

	Nov & Dec 2025	Jan & Feb 2026	Mar & Apr 2026	May & June 2026	July & Aug 2026	Sept & Oct 2026	Nov & Dec 2026
Rule Readoption (Full)	<b>Submitted Notice 12/2/25</b>		<b>Draft submission</b>	<b>Finalize documents &amp; submission by 6/1/26</b>		Submit Notice by 9/1/26	Submit Final Rule Readoption 12/1/26
Rule to Law	Initial Meeting w/Group	2nd Meeting w/Group				Finalize Draft	

### Basic Overview of Rule Readoption Timeline



# Survey

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## **Annual Survey**

- Partnered with Purdue Extension
- Sent to over 10,000 members of our regulated community
- Received approximately 2,500 responses

Respondents rated their satisfaction in three areas

- OISC Staff
- OISC Communication
- OISC Processes

## What We're Doing Right

- **Strongly favorable overall ratings.** On a five-point scale, stakeholders rated OISC staff at 4.31, communication at 4.15, and processes at 4.16. Across all three areas, roughly 82% of respondents reported being satisfied or very satisfied.
- **Staff are OISC's greatest strength.** Approximately 86% of respondents felt treated fairly by staff, rated staff knowledge of regulations and procedures positively, and described staff as courteous and respectful. Open comments repeatedly described OISC personnel as knowledgeable, professional, and helpful.

## Where We Can Improve

While the majority of feedback was positive, approximately 5% included negative or critical open-ended comments. Significant themes in those responses include:

- **Response time and processing speed (36%)** – delays in renewals, approvals, and processing.
- **Website usability (16%)** – difficulty navigating the system, locating forms, and finding information
- **Continuing Education Credits (10%)** – slow CCH/PARP approvals, delayed credit entry, and lack of confirmations
- **Online Payment and Self-Service Tools (9%)** – requests for online payments, registrations, and applications, and report filings.

# Survey

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**Modernization is the most consistent ask.** When asked how OISC could improve, the dominant theme was modernization of processes.

## Looking Ahead

Stakeholder feedback is driving change. OISC has been working on two projects designed to address the top concerns in the survey:

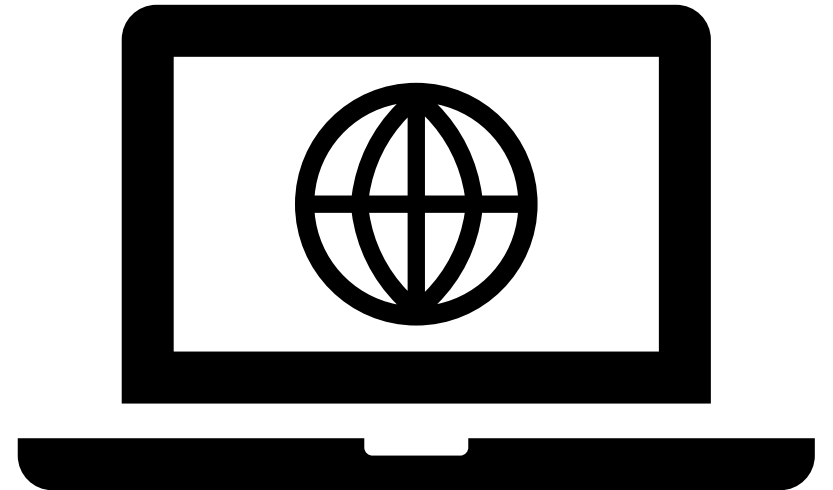
- **New licensing and registration system** – Modernizes licensing, registration, continuing education, reporting, and includes online payments
- **New agency website** – Redesigned for easier navigation, better accessibility, and clearer information.

*OISC will continue partnering with Purdue Extension to measure progress and gather feedback in future survey.  
The goal is to enhance service delivery, customer satisfaction, and regulatory modernization.*

## **OISC Agriculture Regulatory System**

- Online Platform
- One-Stop-Shop
- Easy to Use
- Regulated Community Dashboards
- Sponsored Programs & CCHs

**Live Date 2026 (pre 2027 renewals)**



Items Due Applications Courses

## Welcome to the Office of Indiana State Chemist

The Indiana State Chemist is charged with administering several agricultural laws involving animal feed, fertilizers, pesticides and seeds. The goal of these laws are to ensure truth-in-labeling, food safety, user safety and the protection of our environment.

### NEW APPLICATIONS

#### PESTICIDE LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION

Commercial Business and Applicator Licensing

Wood Destroying Pest Inspection Licensing

Restricted Use Dealer Licensing

Private Pesticide Permit

#### FERTILIZER

Fertilizer Application Business and Applicator Licensing

Fertilizer Material Distribution Licensing

Fertilizer Product Registration

Commercial Lawn Care License

Ammonia Distribution Site Registration

Fertilizer Bulk Storage Site Registration

Private Manure Permit

#### FEED APPLICATIONS

Commercial Feed License Licensing

#### PESTICIDE PRODUCTS AND DEVICES

Product and Device Registration

#### SEED

Seed Distribution Permit

#### MICROORGANISM PRODUCTS

Non-Fertilizer Product Registration

## Pesticide License Application



### Business Questions

- Is this a non-profit or governmental entity (such as a city, town, school, park or municipality)?  Yes  No
- Will you only be making application to property you own or maintain and are Not for Hire?  Yes  No
- Are you applying for an aerial applicator license (fixed wing or unmanned aerial system)?  Yes  No

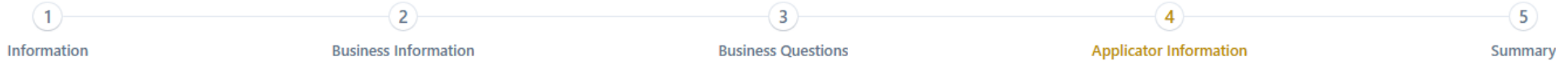
### Certificate of Insurance

Acceptable Proof of Insurance Form: ⓘ

- Proof of liability insurance shall be provided by the issuing insurance company on a certificate of insurance.
- The State Chemist may be listed as a certificate holder on the certificate of insurance.

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## Pesticide License Application



### Applicator Information

Will any of your applicators require Category 13 certification?:  Yes  No

First Name

Sarah

Middle Initial

K

Last Name

Caffery

Last four of SSN

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Search

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### Search Result

**Applicator not found! You can create them by answering a few questions**

**Name:** Sarah K Caffery

**Home Address**  **County**

**City**  **State**  **Zip**

**Date of Birth:**

**Are you applying as an RT or PT(non-profit or governmental entity)?:**  Yes  No

**A certified applicator cannot be found matching the information provided. Therefore, this individual may not be added. Please contact OISC at (765)-494-1492.**

### Search Result

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**Name:** Sarah K Caffery

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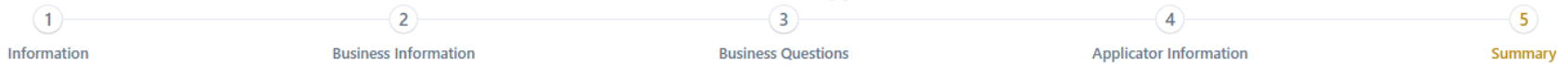
**Date of Birth:**

**Are you applying as an RT or PT(non-profit or governmental entity)?:**  Yes  No

**Registered Technician**

**Training Date:**

## Pesticide License Application



### License Fee Summary

Description	Cost	Number	Total
Business License Fee	\$45.00	-	\$45.00
Registered Technician License Fee	\$45.00	1	\$45.00
Total	-	-	\$90.00

### Application Summary

^ Business Information


^ Business Questions

^ Applicators

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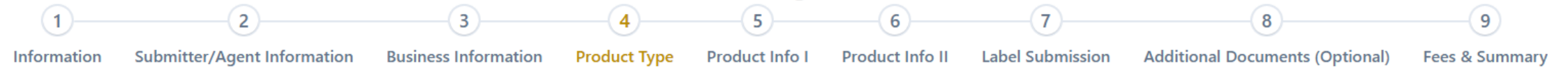
Mail checks payable to: **Indiana State Chemist**  
Submit payment along with your **Order Summary**, provided on the following page [to](#):

**Office of Indiana State Chemist**  
Purdue University  
175 S. University Street  
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2063

**Check Number**

**Review of your application will not begin until we have received –  
Payment with your Order Summary.  
Payments not equal to order amount will not be processed and will go on hold.**

## Pesticide Registration



Product Type

**Product Type**

Section 3 (EPA Registered) ▼

**EPA Registration Number**

XXXX-XX or XXXX-XX-XXXX

**Brand and Product Name**

Enter brand and product name

**Was your product found in distribution prior of registration?**

Yes  No

**Pesticide Registration**

1 Information    2 Submitter/Agent Information    3 Business Information    4 Product Type    5 Product Info    6 Label Submission    **7 Required Documents**    8 Additional Documents (Optional)    9 Fees & Summary

Required Documents

[Download Excel Template](#)    [Fill From Template](#)

**Active Ingredients (components in formulation):**

Common Chemical Name	CAS #	Name Of Supplier	Contact Info (Phone, Email)	Function	% by Weight	+
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

**Inert Ingredients:**

Common Chemical Name	CAS #	Name Of Supplier	Contact Info (Phone, Email)	Function	% by Weight	+
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Total Percentage of Inert Ingredients: **0%**

Total Percentage of All Ingredients (must equal 100%): **0%**

SDS Documents [↑](#)

Efficacy Data [↑](#)

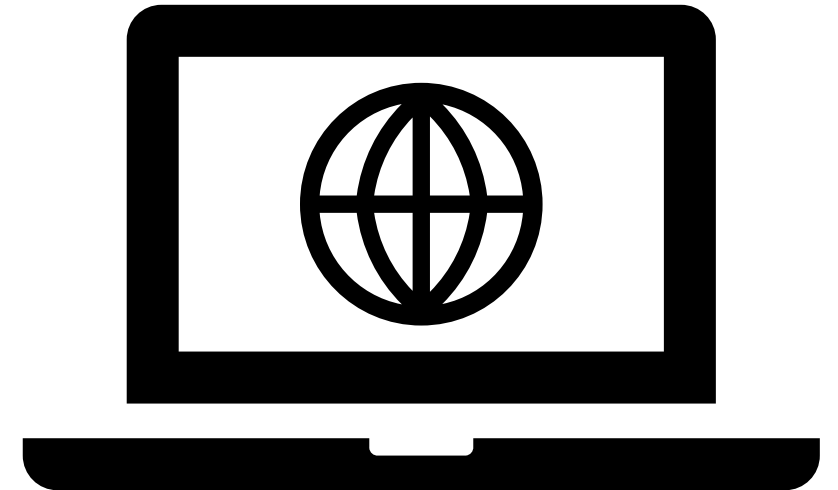
## **OISC Agriculture Regulatory System**

### Current Actions

- Internal testing
- Data migration testing
- Phase 1 vs future improvements
- Final launch determination

### Next Steps

- Data connections
- Small external user testing
- Launch mailing & notifications





# Thanks!

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