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Federal agencies announce new opportunities in weed management research, pesticide policy

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New program announced

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), launched the Systems for Tracking and Resilience in Efficient Agricultural-input Management (STREAM) program to develop breakthrough technologies that help farmers control weeds while protecting agricultural workers, consumers, and the environment. Continued advances in precision agriculture and next-generation weed-management technologies can help reduce reliance on chemical inputs, lower production costs, and expand access to innovative conservation practices. STREAM will accelerate the research needed to give farmers more effective, affordable tools that strengthen agricultural resilience while protecting public health and America's food supply. Learn more about STREAM.

Call for nominations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is seeking nominations for their Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC). The purpose of PPDC is to provide advice and recommendations to the USEPA administrator on issues associated with regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and science issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides.

Nominees will be selected to represent the following: pesticide industry and trade associations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; federal, state, local, and tribal governments; academia; animal welfare and public health organizations; environmental and public interest organizations; farm organizations; and the general public.

Deadline to file is September 16. The docket (ID) number is EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-1774. Learn more here. Please contact Luther Smith at lsmith@sciencesocieties.org (send email) if you are interested in being nominated.

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