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Our vision:

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

Our mission:

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

Fertilizer Program Updates and File Backlog Reduction

Mid-year workshop

October 16, 2008, Ottawa

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OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- **Backlog Reduction Action Plan**
- **Progress on file reviews and current status**
- **Re-organization within the Directorate**
- **New staff**
- **Program updates**
 - **Organic Product Regulations**
 - **Compendium of Fertilizer-Use Pesticides**
 - **CCME Committee on Biosolids**
 - **Registration period extension**



FERTILIZER BACKLOG

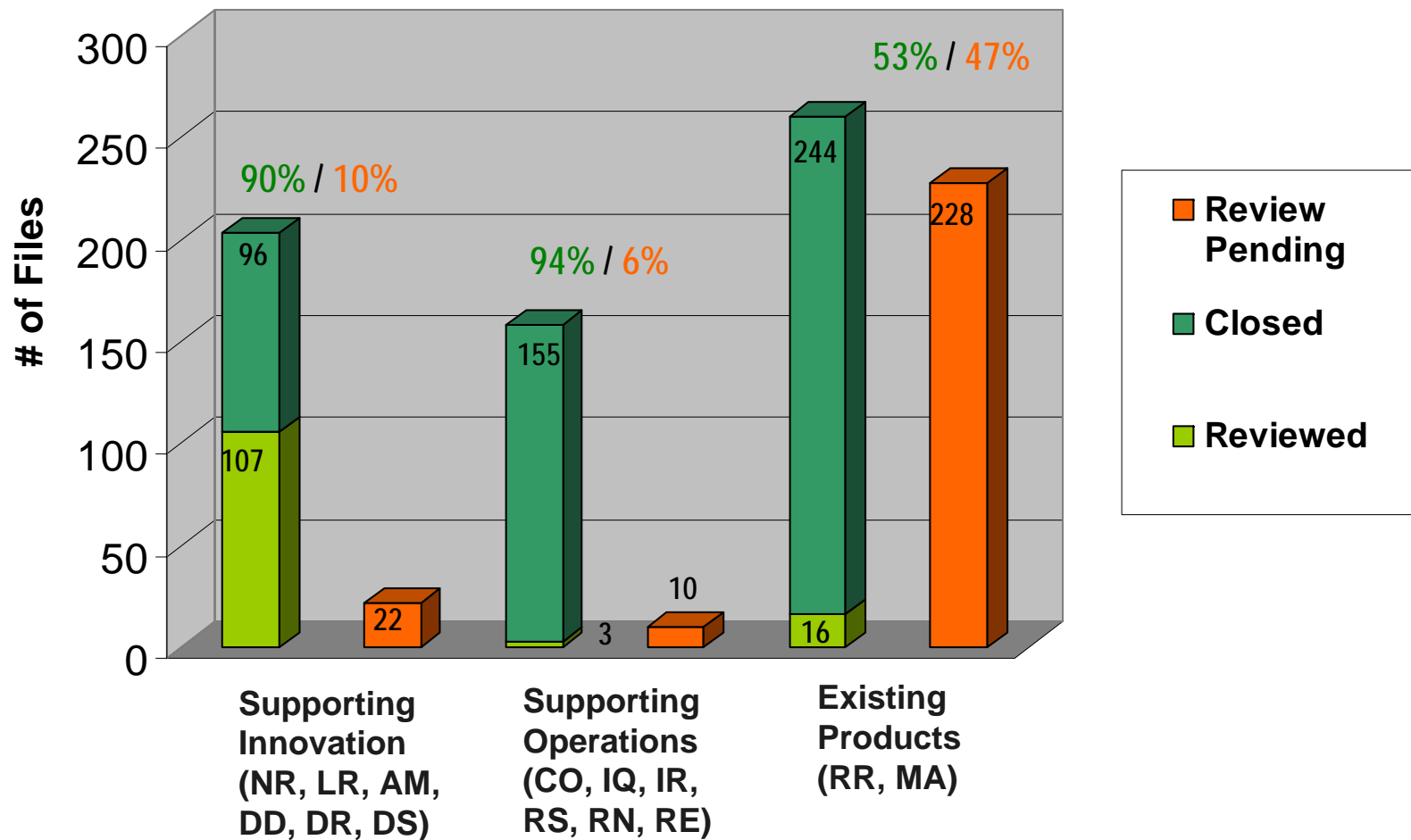
- April 2008, backlog > 900 files = significant delays in product review and approval (up to 24 months)
- Increased frustration among the stakeholders
- Representatives of the CFPF executive approached senior management of the CFIA seeking resolution
- In response, Sandra Wing, VP Policy and Programs Branch engaged in discussions with the CFPF executive

BACKLOG REDUCTION ACTION PLAN

- More evaluators' time dedicated to file review for 2008/09
- Initial focus on files supporting innovation (new registrations and product approvals)
- Re-registrations and minor labelling amendments are temporarily delayed (after November 2008)
- Incremental staffing in both Fertilizer Section and the Fertilizer Safety Office
- Elimination of the backlog and implementation of Service Delivery Standards by April 2009.

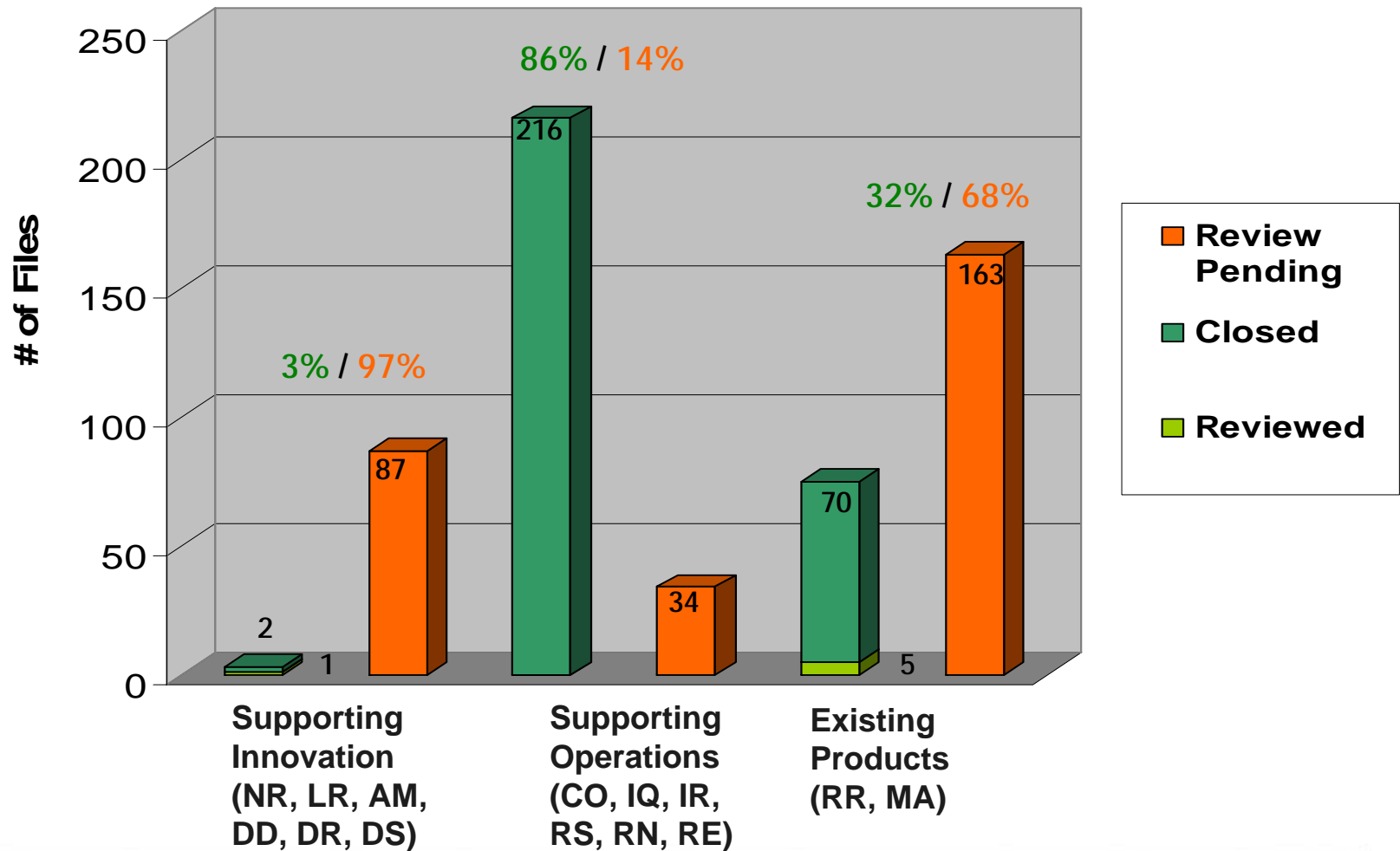
PROGRESS UPDATE

Files Received Before Mar 31st, 2008



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RE-ORGANIZATION

- The CFIA has recently re-organized its structure
 - ➔ Creation of Policy and Programs Branch
- The Plant Products Directorate has undergone a parallel process

PLANT HEALTH AND BIOSECURITY DIRECTORATE

- Field Crops
- Horticulture
- Forestry
- Plant Program Integration
- Program Delivery and Destination Inspection
- **Crop Inputs (which includes the Fertilizer Section and the Fertilizer Safety Office)**

NEW STAFF

Fertilizer Safety Office

- **Biological Evaluation and Policy** (Glenn Murray and Valar Anoop)
- **Chemical Evaluation and Policy** (Jennifer Beyak and Thom Dawson)



4 more to
come !!!!

Fertilizer Section

- **Efficacy Data Evaluation and Policy** (Cargele Nduwamungu)
- **Program Design and Policy** (Renée Cloutier)

Current staff complement = 19

PROGRAM UPDATES

Organic Product Regulations (OPR)

The OPR are coming into effect on June 30, 2009

- Agricultural products represented as **organic** will have to be certified according to the National Standards of Canada for Organic Agriculture by a CFIA –accredited certification body
- The CFIA is working on the final version of the OPR
- The OPR will **exempt** agricultural products that currently do not have a technical standard from the provisions of the OPR

The Fertilizer Program policy outlined in T-4-106 still applies. We will modify this T-memo to reflect the current situation

PROGRAM UPDATES

Compendium of Fertilizer-Use Pesticides (CFUP)

- The *Fertilizers Regulations* currently reference the 2nd edition of CFUP, published by the Department of Agriculture in August, 1994
- A regulatory package to reference the most up-to-date version of the CFUP in the Regulations has been initiated
- This will allow the CFUP to be posted on the CFIA website, which will provide manufacturers and registrants with easy access to the most up-to-date version

PROGRAM UPDATES

CCME Committee on Biosolids

- Recently established committee to develop a Canada-wide strategy for the management of municipal biosolids
- Members of each provincial Ministry of the Environment plus EC and CFIA
- Key objective is to promote a harmonized approach to the regulation of biosolids in Canada
- Two projects are directly related to CFIA priorities – review of legislative frameworks, and inventory of emerging contaminants in biosolids

PROGRAM UPDATES

Extension of the registration period

- Regulatory amendment proposed to extend registration period from two to three years and replace the fixed date with an anniversary date of registration
- The amendment is still on the regulatory priorities list, however, it has triggered discussion on other options that would be more beneficial



Questions ?

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