Codebook for Petition Dataset

This codebook contains information on each of the variables listed in the "petition_replication_data.csv" file. All data was entered manually from the referenced sources.

petition_number   This is a unique identifier given to all petitions and listed in the Federal Register announcement

year_submitted   This is the year that the petition in question was submitted

year_published_fr   This is the year that the petition was published in the Federal Register

petitioner   The name of the petitioning part

innovator   Coded 1 if the petitioner was an innovative company, 0 of not

pesticide   Name of the pesticide for which the petitioner was requesting a tolerance change

year_registered   This is the year that the pesticide was first registered in the United States. This information was frequently available through EPA re-evaluation reports on the pesticide. If it was not available through re-evaluation reports, I engaged in a broader internet search.

commodity   Type of commodity for which the petitioner was requesting a tolerance change

initial_ppm   This was the tolerance at the time the petition was submitted. This was frequently listed in the petition. Where it was not supplied, I was able to fill it in using the entry the Code of Federal Regulations

request_ppm   The new tolerance the petitioner was requesting

outcome_ppm   This is the tolerance that was eventually implemented in response to the petition. Because the federal register lists outcomes from petitions, I was able to determine the eventual tolerance using the Federal Register in combination with the Code of Federal Regulations.

change   This is simply the difference between the initial tolerance and the tolerance requested