



The Design for the Environment Label: Conformity Assessment Requirements

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Multi-Stakeholder Projects at DfE

- Lifecycle Assessments
- Alternatives Assessments
- DfE Label



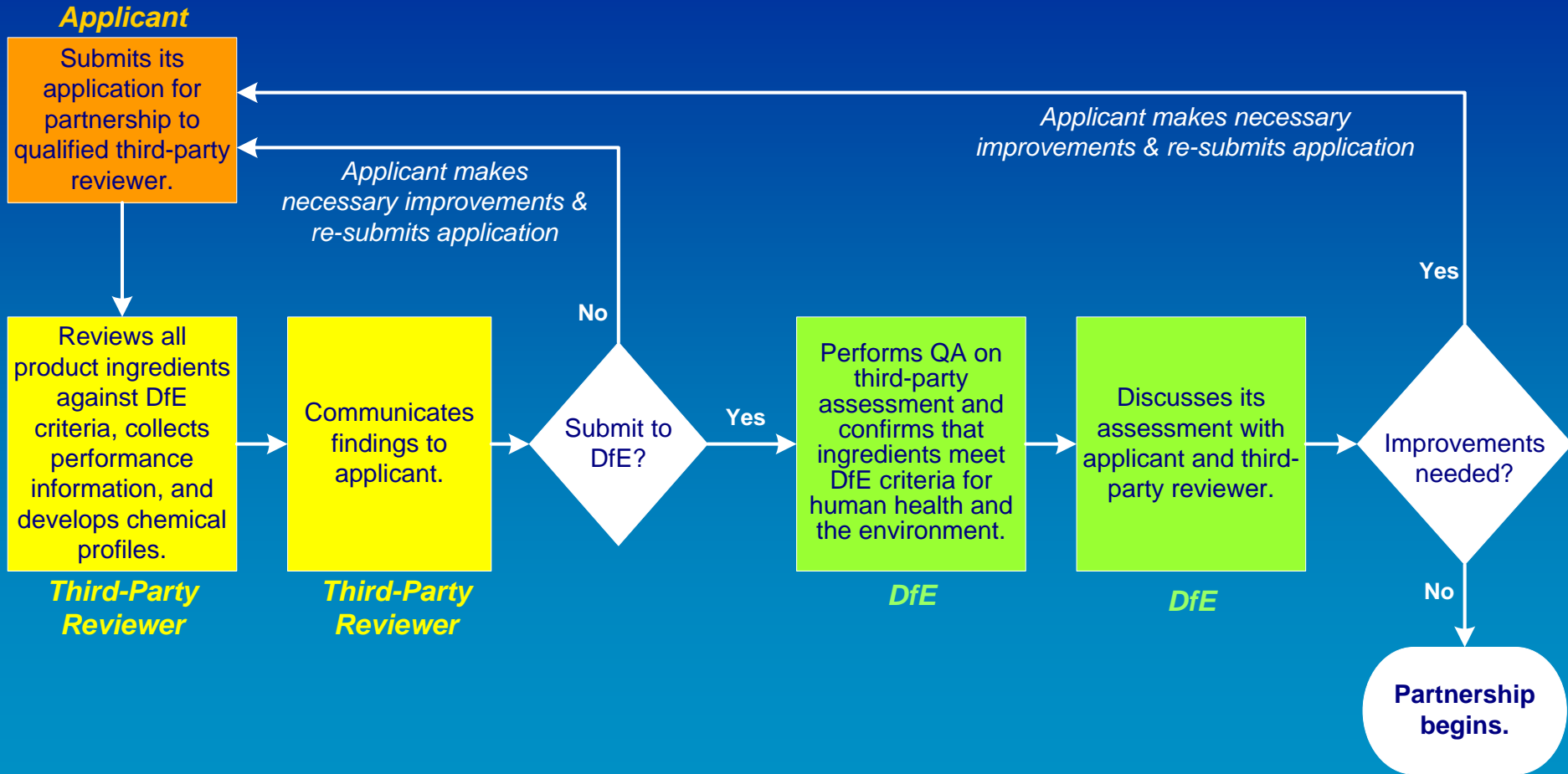
DfE Label: Multi-Attribute, Lifecycle-Based



- Human health effects
- Environmental health effects
- VOC content
- Packaging
- Auditing
- Ingredient disclosure



Steps to Earning the DfE Label



Conformity Assessment at DfE

- Two Aspects
 - Evaluation against the DfE Standard
 - Yearly audits
- Two qualified third-party reviewers
 - NSF International
 - ToxServices
- All reviews QC'ed by EPA
- All final decisions made by EPA

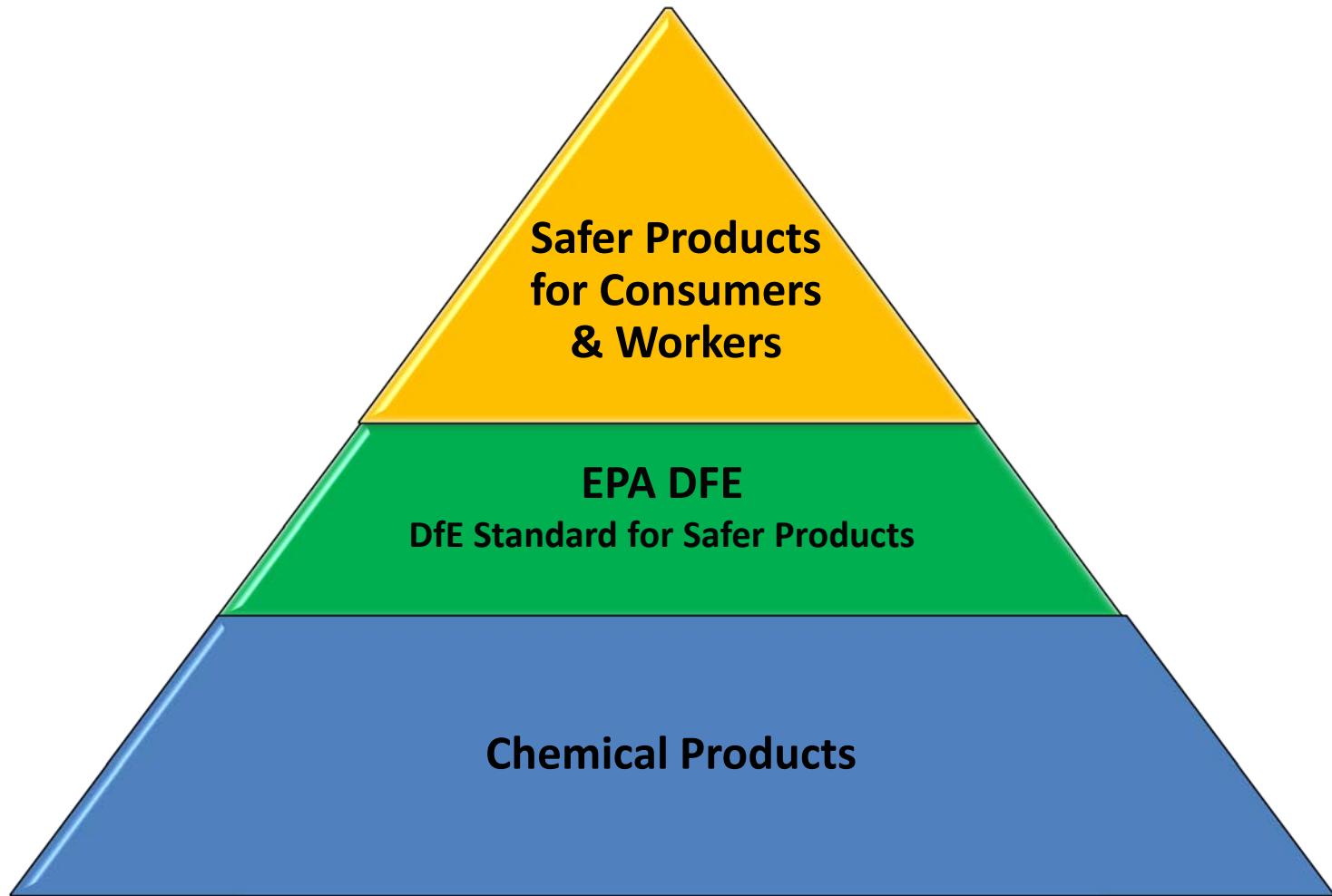
Qualifications for Third-Party Reviewers



- Elements of Technical Competence
 - Appropriate technical staff
 - Assessment and interpretation abilities
 - Access and management of hazard information
 - Use of estimation models and software
- Elements of Credibility and Good Standing
 - Meet ISO Guide 65
 - Familiarity with DfE Label and its requirements
 - Demonstrate record of high performance
- Pilot Review Process



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Thank you!

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