

## EPA Region III Pre-SFIREG

Philadelphia PA, February 14-15<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Meeting Minutes

#### Attendees

- **States:** Christopher Wade – DDA, Laura Mensch – DDA, Liza Fleeson – VDACS, Jeff Rogers – VDACS, Dennis Howard – MDA, Mary Begin – DOEE, Alvin Harris – DOEE, Jessica Lenker – PDA, Len Brylewski. – PDA, Grant Bishop – WVDA,

#### 12:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 12:32 PM. The grants portion of the meeting which was run by EPA was completed prior to lunch. The Grant/EPA update segment contained valuable grant tools, FY18 budget numbers and several informative EPA updates. A copy of agenda has been attached for review. Hard copies of the state reports were also handed out to meeting attendees.

#### Pre-SFIREG Segment

**State Reports** – An overview of each state report was given, with questions taken at the conclusion of each report.

**DC – (Begin)** – DOEE currently has one staff vacancy, IPM specialist. Begin gave an update on status of USA Plants data conversion project (DCPLANTS). DOEE has experienced major problems with the product registration module.

Notification of PECA was done. This addresses IPM in Child Care Occupied facilities, this new requirement asked that facilities submit an IPM plan template. Of the 400 letters issued approximately 154 have responded, this is up from 40 in November of 2016. DOEE also had an IPM workshop, two hour session. Approximately 70 child care providers attended.

Pollinator protection plan is still being worked on, expected to be completed by February 27<sup>th</sup> 2017.

One major case of bed bugs in schools, media reported on incident. DOEE is investigating.

**DE – (Wade)** – DDA is fully staffed. DDA continues outreach with growers on the changes to the WPS rule. Approximately 50 growers have been contacted to date and given a breakdown of the changes. Areas that seem to most concern farmers are the respirator fit test and the AEZ. DDA continues to encourage the use of Driftwatch/BeeCheck. MP3 was posted 11/17/2016. DDA continues to educate stakeholders about the plan and encourage checking the plan out before the next growing season.

DDA is in the process of updating the inspectors SOP's. Last updated 1999. Update is being worked on by all staff, is on schedule to be completed by March of 2017.

**MD – (Howard)** – MDA has been authorized to fill the vacant Certification and Training position. Hope to begin that process shortly. Maryland is following several pieces of legislation. These include: medical cannabis, neonicotinoid pesticides and atrazine. The atrazine issue had just been released the week of the meeting.

**PA – (Brylewski)** – There is currently one vacancy on the pesticide staff, Pesticide Enforcement Specialist, PDA hopes to post this position by April 2017. All current EPA credential holders have completed the renewal process. The total number of credentialed employees is 20.

PDA is currently conducting outreach and training for the WPS changes. WPS how to comply manuals were delivered. PDA received 3000 copies. There are currently no regulation changes to report.

PDA investigated three bee kill complaints in 2016. Both complaints were investigated. One case had detections of coumaphos in the samples. No other pesticides were detected in the other cases.

MP3- Plan is being reviewed by the Apiary Advisory Board the target date for the draft plan is May 2017.

**VA – (Rogers)** – VDACS currently has two vacant positions. OPS does not intend to fill these positions in the near future.

MP3 update -- The draft plan is now under review by the Advisory Committee. The final Virginia State Managed Pollinator Protection Plan will be finalized in the spring of 2017.

VDACS has just started the process of raising certification and licensing fees. These fees have not been raised since 1990.

VDACS is still very happy with the DMV testing setup. 38% of examinations were administered through the DMV SecuriTest.

**WV – (Bishop)** – Two investigator positions are currently vacant. Two chemist positions are still vacant.

MANTS was a success this year. Lots of good outreach for WPS was conducted. West Virginia and Pennsylvania discussed changes in responsibility for putting the event together.

Waste pesticides, WVDA has reviewed other states RFP's for waste disposal and are working on getting their new RFP out. This would focus on more individual pickups while keeping with some consolidated sites.

#### **E-Commerce:**

A presentation on E-Commerce was given to the group by Don Lott of EPA along with Joseph Varco of EPA. Varco was on a conference line with the presentation on screen. Varco ran through the PowerPoint segment while Lott gave the background information and set the stage. The topic centered on various tools that can be used to track down internet profiles, website history, webpage host names and physical mailing addresses in relation to the sale. Presentation was well received by group. The discussion led to the idea of having this subject becoming a PIRT course in the future.

#### **AAPCO/SFIREG/ASPCRO:**

Liza Fleeson-Trossbach presented this topic. The presentation outlined the various roles of AAPCO/SFIREG/ASPCRO. A history of each organization was given. She also explained how they were all connected and what function each organization plays in the world of pesticide regulation. The presentation also outlined the standing committees, work groups and liaisons. Membership and funding sources were also explained.

#### **Post Meeting additions:** Request for additions June 2017

**MD:** Medical Marijuana regulations in Maryland have changed. After meetings with Governor's staff, Maryland now allows some pesticide products to be used in the production of the marijuana. They are currently looking at 19 25(b) products and 23 registered pesticide products.

**DC:** Two questions that DC wants posed during the Full SFIREG meeting.

- (1) Verify that the DfE initiative is now officially the "Safer Choice" program. Can either logo be used?
- (2) Update on the policy for the use of dry ice as a pesticide.

**Region III MP3 Update:** All states in Region III have completed MP3's.

