

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

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Full SFIREG – June 4-5, 2018

PPDC

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee...

*broadly representative
federal advisory
committee which meets
with EPA biannually to
discuss pesticide
regulatory, policy, and
program implementation
issues.*

- Committee Members include environmental and public interest groups, pesticide manufacturers, trade associations, commodity groups, public health and academic institutions, federal and state agencies, and the general public.
- Affords the opportunity to provide state lead agency perspective directly to EPA on related matters.
- Awareness of stakeholder perspective on related matters.

PPDC

- Meeting: May 2-3, 2018
- Brief summary of select agenda items
- Find the full agenda and presentation materials for this and all meetings including workgroup meetings

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Select Topics

- Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) Update
- Smart Label Project/e-CSF
- Endangered Species Act (ESA) Work
- Communication Plan on Resistance Management
- Update from the Public Health Workgroup
- Other items of interest:*
 - Worker Protection Standard
 - Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule

**Raised during meeting...not an agenda items*

Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA)

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004
 - New system for registering pesticides (Section 33 FIFRA)
 - A registration service fee system for applications for specified pesticide registration, amended registration, and associated tolerance actions, which set maximum residue levels for food and feed
- PRIA (1, 2, 3...4 *Pending*)
 - Categories of registration applications
 - Fees/waivers
 - Maintenance fees/waivers
 - Grants (WPS, pesticide safety education, partnership grants)
 - IT enhancements
- PRIA 3 expiration date extended through the end of fiscal year 2018 by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018
 - Authority to collect maintenance fees at the level specified in PRIA 3
 - Authority to collect PRIA Registration Service fees at the FY'17 levels, continues through September 30, 2018

Other items of interest*

- Discussed at May 2018 Meeting
 - Worker Protection Standard
 - Application Exclusion Zone
 - Designated Representatives
 - Minimum Age Requirements
 - Certification of Pesticide Applicators
 - Minimum Age Requirements
- Belief that PRIA 4 is being “*held hostage*”
- Concerns regarding any rulemaking that may amend these provisions
- In general, support continues for requirements
 - Confusion regarding minimum age requirements

Communication Plan Resistance Management

- Focus on herbicide resistance, however, recognition regarding it extends to other types of pesticides
- Developing a communication strategy designed to reach a variety of stakeholders
 - Issue requires communication across all groups
 - Provide a consistent message
- Objectives
 - Leverage combined resources and outreach capabilities of groups
 - Develop effective strategy to delay onset of weed resistance

Communication Plan

Resistance Management

- Each member of the target audience will receive a message tailored to their specific needs
- Methods of communication
 - Presentations
 - Training materials
 - Social Media
 - Seek assistance of organizations who regularly communicate with stakeholders
 - Ag News (EPA's Ag Center)
- Metrics
- Target Audience
 - Crop consultants
 - Growers
 - Custom pesticide applicators
 - Regional soil conservation agencies
 - Pesticide registrants
 - Academic researchers
 - Agricultural extension agents
 - Other state and federal government agencies
 - Commodity groups (i.e., representatives of major crops such as corn, soybeans, etc.)

Communication Plan

Resistance Management

- Discussion Questions
 - *What is an appropriate way to communicate with stakeholders?*
 - *How long should our message be?*
 - *What time of year is best to communicate with growers?*
 - *General feedback on the approach?*
 - *Do you have recommendations for how EPA can participate given its relatively limited authority?*
 - *Do you have recommendations for other stakeholders that should be included?*
 - *Are there other resources to tap that we have not considered?*
- On behalf of AAPCO
 - Established mechanism for dissemination of information
 - State, Tribes and Territorial Regulatory Programs
 - Cooperative Extension/ Pesticide Safety Educators
 - Professional Associations including
 - AAPCO
 - NASDA
 - Flexibility to address specific pest issues in jurisdiction
 - Late fall/early spring to coincide with recertification courses

Report: Public Health Work Group

- Formed 2017
- Broad mission...focus on policy, advice, information and recommendations regarding pest management methods
- Refined activities and proposed “*Pesticide Emergency Preparedness Action Plan*”
 - OPP’s role during any emergency
 - Not limited to vector borne diseases
- Plan elements
 - EPA Roles & Responsibilities
 - Pesticides, IPM & Other Tools
 - Identifying & Engaging Stakeholders (Emergency Dependent)
 - Communication
 - Technology, Innovation & Science
 - Living Document
- Consensus of Full PPDC to move forward

NEXT MEETING:

October 31 – November 1, 2018

*Seeking input from AAPCO for any issues
and items to be added to the agenda...*