

**STATE FIFRA RESEARCH & EVALUATION GROUP (SFIREG)**  
**FULL COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**2777 South Crystal Drive, One Potomac Yards (South Building) First Floor Conference Room**  
**US EPA OFFICES, ARLINGTON, VA**  
**December 7 - 8, 2020**

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**Monday, December 7, 2020 @ 12:30 PM (Eastern)**

12:30 pm

**Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements**

Gary Bahr, SFIREG Chair  
Leo Reed, AAPCO President  
Amy Sullivan, Executive Secretary

12:40 pm

**Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Report**

*Report on status of relevant activities of OPP impacting state pesticide regulatory programs including current status of items forwarded to EPA:*

- *Update on EPA OPP Organizational Chart and changes*
- *Issue Paper-Pesticide Impurities in EPA Registered Pesticides (October 2018)*
- *Issue Paper-Cover Crop Issues and Plant-Back Restrictions (July 2019)*
- *Letter - Concerns Regarding The Establishment of Action Thresholds (July 2019)*

*[Jackie Mosby and Sandra O'Neill, EPA/OPS/OMS]*

**Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) Report**

*Report on status of relevant activities of OECA impacting state pesticide regulatory programs. [Anthony Matusik, EPA/OECA/OC]*

**EPA Region Report**

*Report on status of relevant activities of Regional Offices impacting state pesticide regulatory programs.*

*[Courtenay Hoernemann, EPA/R3/LCRD]*

1:00 pm

**Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee Report**

*Report on specific activities of POM Working Committee and pertinence to state pesticide regulatory program including presentation of items from Working Committee requiring action by Full SFIREG. SFIREG will*

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*consider and take any actions later today.* [Jeffrey Rogers, SFIREG/POM Chair]

**Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee Report**

*Report on specific activities of EQI Working Committee and pertinence to state pesticide regulatory programs including presentation of items from Working Committee requiring action by Full SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take any actions later today.* [Carrie Leach, SFIREG/EQI Chair]

1:30 pm            **Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Report**  
*Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest.* [Leo Reed, AAPCO President]

1:40 pm            **Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) Report**  
*Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest.* [Ryan Okey, ASPCRO President]

1:50 pm            **Certification and Training Assessment Group (CTAG) Report**  
*CTAG activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest* [John Feagans, NCDACS and Michael Helms, Cornell, Co-Chairs]

2:00 pm            **Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) Report**  
*Council activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest.* [Fred Corey, Chairperson, Aroostook Band of Micmacs]

2:10 pm            **Association of American Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) Report**  
*Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest.* [Faye Golden, AAPSE]

2:20 pm            **Laboratory Directors Report**  
*Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest.* [Eric Petty (CO), Laboratory Directors Liaison]

2:45 pm            **Break**

3:00 pm            **Pre-SFIREG/Regional Reports**

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*Regional SFIREG Representatives will provide a brief report (5-6 minutes) of key issues raised at their respective pre-SFIREG meetings including any requests for additional action by SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take action this afternoon. Discussion and Summary of information provided.*

4:15pm

**Full SFIREG Consideration of Issue & White Papers and Actions  
Identification of Action Items**

4:30 pm

**Adjourn**

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**DRAFT SFIREG Agenda**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @ 12:30 PM (Eastern)**

- 12:30 pm            **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Gary Bahr, SFIREG Chair  
Alex Dunn, OCSPP Assistant Administrator [EPA OCSPP]
- 12:40 pm            **Dicamba – Registration Decision update**  
– *EPA OPP will discuss Dicamba Registration Decision, scientific input received to make the five year registration decision and make key label changes, including: labeled rates, cut off dates, downwind buffer, ESA topics, pH buffering agents, wind speed, inversion and weather topics, sprayer speeds, applicator training, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court decisions and processes, and other topics. Discussion of the use of 24(c) and 24(a) registration processes. [EPA Margaret Hathaway, EPA/OPP/RD]*  
– *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share information regarding the 2020 Use season, analysis and impression of the new registration decision, plans for 2021, plans for 24(c) registrations and questions for EPA. [SFIREG Representatives]*
- 1:10 pm            **COVID-19 – EPA Update and Impacts on State Pesticide Programs**  
– *EPA OPP will provide an update on COVID-19 pesticide registration processes and progress, and Section 18 registration processes. [Tawanda Maignan, EPA/OPP/RD and Kristin Willis, EPA/OPP/AD]*  
– *Full SFIREG will share impacts to pesticide programs given the evolving public health crisis including specific restrictions, which have had the greatest impacts on programs. In addition, what if any assistance is needed from EPA. Issues with Section 18 registrations will be discussed. [SFIREG Representatives]*
- 1:40 pm            **Revised State Certification Plans**  
– *EPA OPP and Regional Office Leads will provide an update on Certification Plans [Matt Lloyd, EPA/OPP/PRD and Regional Staff]*  
– *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share experience; issues with submission; concerns/questions regarding process, etc. [All]*

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- 2:00 pm            **Pesticide Use on Hemp**  
*-EPA will provide status of application for new products registered for use on Hemp including anticipated timeline for registration. [Dan Rosenblatt, EPA/OPP/RD and Linda Hollis, EPA/OPP/BBPD]*
- 2:15 pm            **2022-2025 OPP and OECA Cooperative Agreement**  
*- EPA will present the current schedule for finalization of the next OPP and OECA Cooperative Agreement including opportunities for input from grantees as the process, funding, requirements, picklists, and reporting. Overview and discussion on the October Database Training. [Sandra O’Neill, EPA/OPS/OMS, and Helene Ambrosino, OECA/OC]*  
*- Discussion regarding negotiating the new Cooperative Agreement and key changes or additions to the agreement and requirements, including the Database and training. [Full SFIREG]*
- 2:30 pm            **Paraquat – Certified Applicator Requirement**  
*- EPA will present the current update on Paraquat requirements and ongoing work with the product and states. [Ana Pinto and Marianne Mannix, EPA/OPP/PRD]*  
*- Full SFIREG will share any feedback regarding this requirement and impacts to the ability for growers to make the necessary applications and state certification programs. Also, are states experiencing registration or other labeling issues, e.g.: the RUP box on the front panel?*
- 2:45 pm            **EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) requirements.**  
*- EPA will present the current update on WPS and AEZ and ongoing work with the new requirements, discuss the key changes found in the October 30, 2020 EPA revisions to the existing WPS (40 CFR 170) and comparisons to with 2015 AEZ requirements, and guidance for SLAs, certifying authorities, agricultural employers, applicators, and the public. [Ryne Yarger, EPA/OPP/PRD]*  
*- Discussion and questions from SLAs on the changes or additions. [Full SFIREG]*
- 3:00 pm            **Pollinator Program and Pesticide Issues with Managed Pollinators**

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*-Full SFIREG will share information on Pollinator Management and Bee Keeping Practices and Products: Recent concern has emerged from R4 states and other states about bee keeping practices and pesticide products that might be causing issues. States will share and discuss issues with managed pollinator pesticide use practices, cases, and management where education, training, and pesticide labels and violations could be occurring? [Tim Drake (SC), R4 SFIREG Representative, Pat Jones (NC), Full SFIREG]*

3:30 pm

**FIFRA Preemption Topics in States**

*-R8 states and others have questions about FIFRA preemption topics. SFIREG conducted a survey with SLAs and an overview will be provided. State lead agencies have historically had state primacy for FIFRA, act as co-regulators with EPA for FIFRA, lead the work to implement the EPA FIFRA Cooperative Agreements, create state pesticide laws and rules to regulate pesticides and implement associated pesticide programs. [Gary Bahr (WA) SFIREG Chair]*

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