

## CTAG Report to SFIREG – June 7, 2021



- CTAG holds two in-person meetings a year and meets monthly via an online format.
- CTAG is composed of 13 members including:
  - 1 SLA and 1 PSEP from each USDA region (8).
  - 1 Tribal representative.
  - 4 At-large members (2 SLA and 2 PSEP).
  - There are two co-chairs (1 SLA and 1 PSEP) that serve two-year staggered terms.
  - 2 Ex-officio (EPA HQ, CTAG Executive Secretary)
  - Open current memberships are:
    - Western Region PSEP or SLA
    - Southern Region
    - At-Large
  - CTAG currently has member positions open for:
    - North Central (SLA)
    - Southern (PSEP)
    - 4 At-large (2 SLA and 2 PSEP)

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- Member terms are normally three years but have been initially staggered to bring on new members in future years. Terms end January 31 each (YEAR) noted below. CTAG strives for balance between SLAs and PSEPs and with representation from four US regions (Western, Southern, Northeast, North Central).
  - Co-Chair – John Feagans, North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture (2022)
  - Co-Chair – Linda Johns, University of Minnesota (2022)
  - At-Large
    - Vacant – 2 SLA
    - Vacant – 2 PSEP
  - Western Region
    - Lindsey House – Washington State Dept. of Agriculture (2022)
    - Neal Kittleson, Colorado Department of Agriculture (2024)
    - Kaci Buhl – Oregon State University (2023)
  - Northeast Region
    - Amanda Couture – Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (2023)
    - Michael Helms, Cornell University (2022)
  - North Central Region
    - Vacant - SLA
    - Linda Johns – University of Minnesota (2022)
  - Southern Region
    - John Feagans, North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (2022)
    - Vacant - PSEP
  - Tribal Representative
    - Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes (ND) (2024)
  - Ex-officio
    - Jeanne Kasai – EPA HQ
    - Amy Sullivan – CTAG Executive Secretary

- CTAG has been working with the Michigan State University (MSU) to solicitate and create collaboration teams that address the top four significant issues with intent to broaden our involved stakeholder groups to increase perspective, knowledge, and development of possible solutions.
  - The label mandated training collaboration team (similar to the Paraquat collaboration team) had two meetings this spring. There are currently 8 volunteers, not including CTAG members. The team is working on a white paper that will address the following:
    - Put together a list of resources/best practices (weblinks, etc.) that address label mandated training
    - Have meetings with EPA for their input on areas of concern that include but are not limited to:
      - What is EPA's ultimate goal and how do they intend to achieve this goal.
      - EPA should be pre-emptive in discussing these training options with stakeholders, PSEPs and SLAs. It all looks good on paper but is not realistic in the real world.
      - EPA does not always consider the larger picture such as costs and specific audiences like the Amish.
    - Other issues to consider include:
      - This is a complicated subject with varying viewpoints from SLAs, PSEPs, Registrants, EPA, applicators (end user).
      - Need consistency in finding resources to eliminate confusion on where information can be located or found.
      - Try to find perspective which can be difficult since one size does not fit all with all the diversity in products, EPA regs, State regs, etc.
    - Collaboration team will meet again in late June or early July and then again at the PACT meeting mid-July.
  - Online training (synchronous and asynchronous) workgroup is working on a "charge" to be sent to MSU later this year.
  - Online exams
  - Additional issues for national C&T