

## May 2021 Region 8 Pre-SFIREG Meeting

The meeting was held virtually, but there was some discussion of possibly meeting in-person for this fall's meeting. There weren't many issues brought up by any of the states or EPA, so the meeting was completed in one day. Every state had at least one representative, some with 2 or more. An agenda and guest list are included at the end of this document.

At the time of planning this meeting, some states brought up concerns with Section 18 applications for disinfectant products. The main question was if a product received a Section 18 exemption in one state, why couldn't it be more easily approved for other states who were interested in a Section 18. By the time the meeting was held, EPA issued a statement that it would no longer prioritize surface disinfecting product Section 18's since the CDC found that COVID-19 transmission via air was much more likely than via surfaces. Since it seemed that all the Section 18 applications were for surface products, this topic was no longer a "hot topic". Nevertheless, Tawanda Maignan of OPP answered the original questions and offered additional information.

Some states were interested in monthly updates from EPA regarding research and findings on PFOS/PFAS in pesticides. EPA stated that the research is ongoing and that updates will be shared as new information comes out, but providing monthly updates would be difficult. EPA is currently testing various containers and this will take time and until then, it's unlikely that there will be much news on a monthly basis.

Lastly, Utah brought up a concern that OPP and OECA do not coordinate on label reviews before a label is approved. It seems that OPP approves a label without OECA's input. This leads to situations where OPP, OECA (and states) disagree on the meaning in a label. During the discussion of this topic, folks at EPA gave examples of situations they have dealt with where OPP and OECA had a difficult time concluding what something in a label actually means. It would be beneficial to have people tasked with enforcing law/label to review a draft label for any possible enforceability issues. David Cobb, Region 8 Section Chief, stated that this has been brought up with OECA in the past, but will do so again.

**DRAFT AGENDA EPA Region 8 Pre-SFIREG Meeting**  
**May 26, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**Wednesday, May 26th**

**Call-in number: TBD, code: TBD#**

- 8:30-8:45 am**      **Welcome Remarks and Introductions:** Kimberly Pardue-Welch, R8 LCRD/CSES, David Cobb, R8 ECAD, State participants
- 8:45-9:45 am**      **Individual State Updates (5-10 minutes each)**
- 9:45-10:00 am**      **EPA Budget Update:** Kimberly Pardue-Welch, LCRD/CSES
- 10:00-10:15 am**      **EPA Enforcement Update:** David Cobb, ECAD
- 10:15-10:30 am**      **OPP/OECA Consultation/Coordination on label language during registration process – state concerns:** Henry Nahalewski, UDAF
- 10:30 – 10:40 am**      **Break (10 min.)**
- 10:40-10:55 am**      **WPS AEZ Update:** Blake Huff, Region 8 CSES
- 10:55-11:10 am**      **C&T Plan Review Update:** Kevin Martin, Region 8 CSES
- 11:10-11:25 am**      **EPA PFOS/PFAS Update (if any):** Blake Huff and Kimberly Pardue-Welch, Region 8, CSES
- 11:25-11:45 am**      **FIFRA Grant Database and Workplan Discussion/Questions:** States & Region 8
- 11:45 am-12:45 pm**      Lunch break (1 hr.)
- 12:45-1:45 pm**      **Sec. 18 Issues:** Tawanda Maignan, EPA/OPP, Henry Nahalewski, UDAF
- 1) Clarification if the antimicrobial products getting approved for Section 18's are also in the process of Sec. 3 registration.
  - 2) Possible mechanism to streamline the Section 18 process for other states when one state already has an approved Sec. 18 for the same product.
  - 3) Are new Sec. 18 product applications still coming in to EPA, or are they applications for the same already approved products coming in from other states?
  - 4) Other issues?
- 1:45-2:00pm**      **Wrap-up & adjourn.**

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