

# Region 1 New England

## SFIREG Meeting Report

PreSFIREG Meeting held: May 6, 2020 via Zoom

ATTENDANCE						
EPA	VERMONT	MAINE	NEW HAMPSHIRE	RHODE ISLAND	CONNECTICUT	MASSACHUSETTS
Rob Koethe	Cary Giguere	Megan Patterson	David Rousseau	N/A	N/A	Taryn LaScola-Miner
Kan Tham	Kanika Gandhi					Hotze Wijnja
Andrea Szylvian						
John Bowman						
Tristan Pluto						
Stephanie Carr						

### **PFAS Update**

EPA and Massachusetts continue to work on this issue. Massachusetts is in the process of collecting additional formulation samples of products that their Mosquito Control Districts use along with samples of empty containers. EQUI is working on a survey for states to fill out.

### **Online Pesticide Exam**

Massachusetts has migrated there exams online and provided an overview of the process and how it has been working. Connecticut is in the process of putting their exams online.

### **State Updates**

All the states have been receiving inquiries relative to the issue of PFAS and pesticides. In some states legislation has been filed relative to the issue.

A few states have received Section 18 requests for products used to combat COVID-19. In some instances, the Section 18 requests have been denied.

Neonicotinoids will become state restricted in Massachusetts beginning July 1, 2022. This change will only affect products that are labeled for lawn, turf, ornamentals, tree/shrub and gardens. Massachusetts is working on an outreach plan.

At this time none of the state have received complaints relative to Seresto collars but EPA Region 1 had received two.