

**STATE FIFRA ISSUES RESEARCH & EVALUATION GROUP (SFIREG)
 JOINT MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ISSUES (EQI) AND
 PESTICIDE OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT (POM) COMMITTEES AGENDA
 Virtual
 September 20-21, 2021**

OECA Updates

- PIRT
 - Please email Kelly Engle at engle.kelly@epa.gov if your state is interested in hosting a virtual or in-person PIRT in 2022.

Tribal	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Tulsa, Oklahoma	May 17-19, 2022
Enforcement and Use Concerns	Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources	Northampton, Massachusetts	2022
Basic	Georgia Department of Agriculture	Savannah, Georgia	August 2022
Enforcement	Office of Indiana State	Indiana	2022

- Early Input on FY 2023-2024 Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance National Program Guidance
 - EPA is seeking early input from our state and tribal partners on OECA’s upcoming fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024 National Program Guidance (NPG). Any input is due by **September 24, 2021**, before drafting of the NPG begins.
 - Please send your early input to Michele McKeever (mckeever.michele@epa.gov) and Beth Ragnauth (ragnauth.elizabeth@epa.gov).
- Inspection Flexibilities
 - COVID-19 Inspection Commitment Letter for Partner Agencies (April 7, 2021): Signed by Lawrence Starfield, Acting OECA Assistant Administrator
 - Previous version of this letter was released on July 22, 2020.
 - This memo describes additional flexibilities and recommended processes to assist in meeting inspection commitments during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - The current flexibilities are set to expire September 30, 2021.
 - An updated version, with six month extension, is currently being briefed up to the EPA Administrator.
 - Offsite compliance monitoring activities can be conducted and can count towards inspection commitments for FY21.
 - These should not be documented as inspections in EOY 5700 forms as they are not inspections. They should include information about offsite compliance monitoring in the workplan or in an attached narrative.
 - More on these topics will be discussed during the 2:45 pm “Evaluation vs. Inspection” session.