

# Region 1 New England

## SFIREG Meeting Report

PreSFIREG Meeting held: November 10, 2021 via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE						
EPA	VERMONT	MAINE	NEW HAMPSHIRE	RHODE ISLAND	CONNECTICUT	MASSACHUSETTS
Rob Koethe	Cary Giguere	Megan Patterson	David Rousseau	Howard Cook	Diane Jorsey	Taryn LaScola-Miner
Kan Tham	Morgan Griffith	Mary Tomlinson			Zachary Donais	
Andrea Szylvian		Pamela Bryer				
Sharon Hayes						
Maya Bubu						
Stephanie Carr						
John Bowman						

### **EPA Updates**

EPA representatives provided updates relative to:

- State Plan status
- Cooperative Agreements, End of Year Reports
- Federal Credentials
- Region 1 Enforcement Actions
- Producer Establishment Inspections

### **State Updates/Topics of Concern**

**PFAS:** Most states are in a holding pattern when it comes to PFAS and pesticides. Maine recently passed legislation that prohibits the sale of anything that contains one fluorinated carbon in any of the components of a product. The regulatory authority for this lies within another state agencies jurisdiction, but the Maine Pesticide Board will be contemplating the adoption the definition. Additionally, the Massachusetts Pesticide Board Subcommittee is deliberating formally recognizing EPA's working definition as it pertains to the registration of pesticides in the state.

**State Plans:** All states except for Connecticut have received the official comments from EPA HQ and are working on addressing the comments.

**Chlorpyrifos:** Some states already had a ban or are working on limiting the sale of Chlorpyrifos. The remaining states are awaiting additional guidance from EPA as to next steps. It was noted that Canada and California have guidance documents relative to alternative products.

**Enforcement Cases:** Each state provided updates on enforcement cases of interest. It was discussed that wrong address applications and mosquito/tick applications seem to be consistent issues among the region.

### **SFIREG Representative**

Massachusetts has represented Region 1 for several years and asked if any other states would like to become the representative. David Rousseau from New Hampshire volunteered. He will begin representing Region 1 at the June 2022 SFIREG meeting.