

**STATE FIFRA ISSUES, RESEARCH & EVALUATION GROUP (SFIREG)  
FULL COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Hilton Alexandria Old Town, located at 1767 King St, Alexandria, VA  
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**December 4-5, 2023  
IN PERSON MEETING**

**SFIREG Agenda                      DRAFT**

**Monday, December 4, 2023 @ 8:15 AM (Eastern)**

- 8:15 am                      **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements**  
Gary Bahr, SFIREG Chair  
Megan Patterson, AAPCO President  
Amy Sullivan, Executive Secretary  
Josie Montoney-Crawford, NASDA  
Michal Freedhoff, EPA, OCSPP Assistant Administrator [EPA OCSPP]
- 8:45 am                      **Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Agency Update and Report**  
*Presentation on OPP structure, priorities, and future work in relation to state pesticide regulatory programs. [Mike Goodis, EPA/OPP]*
- 9:30 am                      **Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) Report**  
*Report on status of relevant activities of OECA affecting state pesticide regulatory programs. [Kelly Engle, EPA/OECA/OC]*
- EPA Region Report**  
*Report on status of relevant activities of Regional Offices affecting state pesticide regulatory programs.  
[Courtenay Hoernemann, EPA/R3/LCRD]*
- 9:45 am                      **Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee Report**  
*Report on specific activities of POM Working Committee and pertinence to state pesticide regulatory program including presentation of items from Working Committee requiring action by Full SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take any action later today. [Amy Brown, SFIREG/POM Chair]*
- Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee Report**  
*Report on specific activities of EQI Working Committee and pertinence to state pesticide regulatory programs including presentation of items from Working Committee requiring action by Full SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take any action later today. [Hotze Wijnja, SFIREG/EQI Chair]*

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- 10:15 am            **Break**
- 10:30 am            **Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Report**  
*Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Megan Patterson, AAPCO President]*
- 10:45 am            **Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) Report**  
*Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Allison Cuellar, ASPCRO President]*
- 11:00 am            **Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) Report**  
*Council activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, TPPC Liaison & Acting Chairperson, and Mark Daniel, NAU, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)]*
- 11:15 am            **Association of American Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) Report**  
*Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Gene Merkl, Mississippi State University, AAPSE]*
- 11:30 am            **Certification & Training Assessment Group (CTAG)**  
*CTAG group leaders will provide the activity report. [Linda Johns, University of Minnesota]*
- 11:45 am            **Laboratory Directors Report**  
*Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Jona Verreth (MT), Laboratory Directors Liaison]*
- 12:00 pm            **Lunch (1 hour, 15 minutes)**
- 1:15 pm            **EPA ESA and Pesticide Topics** - *EPA will provide a presentation on Pesticide ESA processes, the EPA ESA Settlement Agreement, Vulnerable Species White Paper, Herbicide Strategy, Insecticide Strategy, Fungicide Strategy, Rodenticide Strategy, ESA Work Plan, Interim Ecological Mitigation, future ESA work, Pilot Projects, Mitigation Systems and*

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*Recognized Conservation or Stewardship Programs, deadlines, review of Public Comments and SFIREG and State Lead Agencies will ask questions and discuss. [Gary Bahr (WA, Chair), SFIREG Representatives, Jan Matuszko, EPA/OPP/EFED, Elissa Reaves, Tracy Perry, Melanie Biscoe (EPA OPP PRD)]*

- 2:15 pm      **USDA OPMP ESA Presentation** – *USDA OPMP will provide a presentation on OPMP’s work to research and survey commodity groups, specialty crop groups, review and provide OPMP comments on the EPA ESA Proposals. [Gary Bahr (WA, Chair), Elyssa Arnold (USDA OPMP), SFIREG Representatives]*
- 2:45 pm      **Questions from SFIREG on EPA ESA Proposals**  
*Regional SFIREG Representatives will have the opportunity to ask EPA questions and provide feedback as numerous topics have come up from the various EPA proposals and pre SFIREG meetings. [Gary Bahr (WA), Chair, SFIREG Representatives, EPA OPP]*
- 3:00 pm      **Break**
- 3:15 pm      **Pre-SFIREG/Regional Reports**  
*Regional SFIREG Representatives will provide a brief report (5-6 minutes) on key issues raised at their respective pre-SFIREG meetings including any requests for additional action by SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take action this afternoon. Discussion and Summary of information provided. [Gary Bahr (WA), Chair, SFIREG Representatives]*
- 4:40 pm      **Full SFIREG Review of Existing Issue Papers and Follow-up activities. Consideration of Issue & White Papers and Actions Identification of Action Items.** [Gary Bahr (WA, Chair), SFIREG Representatives, JWC Chairs]
- 4:55 pm      **Adjourn**

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**Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 8:15 AM (Eastern)**

- 8:15 am           **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
- Gary Bahr, SFIREG Chair
- 8:15 am           **Revised State Certification Plans and EPA Approvals, Next Phases**  
– *EPA OPP and Regional Office Leads will provide an update on Certification Plans, Implementation phase, Rule making phase and content, and SFIREG discussion on these elements. [Ellisa Reaves, Carolyn Schroeder and Jeanne Kasai, EPA/OPP/PRD]*  
– *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share experiences of developing and negotiating C&T plans; issues with submission and approvals, solving coregulatory issues [SFIREG]*  
– *Implementation phases, proposal EPA rule making, C&T and manual development, and upcoming challenges [SFIREG Comments]*  
– *SFIREG, CTAG, AAPSE can provide input. [All]*
- 8:40 am           **Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) 5, Bilingual labeling**  
– *EPA will provide an update on the implementation of Bilingual Labeling. Plan, strategy for implementation, review of comments posted to docket and next steps. What is EPA’s plan for getting the labels in the hands of farmworkers? QR Codes on marketplace labeling -what will this link to? o Supplemental distributor products/labeling? Enforcement issue questions. Whose responsibly is it to make sure farmworkers have access to the label while in the field? What happens if a label does not have the Spanish translation? Additional questions/comments? [Gary Bahr, WA, SFIREG Chair, Ellisa Reaves, Sue Bartow, Linda Arrington, EPA/OPP/PRD and Steve Schaible, (OPP IO)]  
SFIREG and AAPCO WPS Workgroup questions and comments – Kelly Friend, FL, Workgroup Chair and SFIREG*
- 8:55 am           **Treated Seed Topic and EPA Notice for ANPR** – *EPA will discuss the Treated Seed and Paint ANPR topic and also discussion on the response to the SFIREG Issue Paper, EPA Issues Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Public Comment to Seek Additional Information on Use of Pesticide Treated Seed and Paint, and Questions from SFIREG [Gary*

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**Dicamba – Registration Decision update**

- *EPA OPP will discuss Dicamba Registrations, Labels, results of 2023 growing season activities and work with AAPCO/SFIREG. EPA will discuss steps taken to collect scientific information and data through the 2023 growing season related to label changes and discuss any new label and regulatory plans for 2024. Topics could include labeled rates, cut off dates, downwind buffers, ESA topics, pH buffering agents, wind speed, inversion and weather topics, sprayer speeds, applicator training, court decisions and processes, and other topics. Discussion of the use of special state registrations, 24(c) and 24(a) registration processes. EPA will also discuss the Dicamba, revised human health and draft ecological risk assessments for the registration review. [EPA, Lindsay Roe and Lydia Crawford EPA/OPP/RD, and Elissa Reaves, Cathryn Britton, Andrew Muench, and Khue Nguyen, EPA/OPP/PRD]*
- *State Lead Agencies will discuss the recent AAPCO Dicamba Survey.*
- *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share information regarding the 2023 use season, analysis and impression of the 2023 labels, cases and state activities and concerns from 2023, plans for 2024 & state registrations and questions for EPA. Some of these topics may be covered in the Regional SFIREG reports [SFIREG Representatives]*

9:35 am

**PFAS and Pesticide Products**

- *EPA OPP will discuss PFAS and pesticide products, registrations, regulations, stop sale issues, working with SLAs and industry, fluorinated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) containers, laboratory testing, definitions, and other aspects related to on-going efforts to address issues relative to PFAS contamination in pesticides. [Jeff Dawson EPA OCSPP IO, Anne Overstreet, Thuy Nguyen EPA/OPP/BEAD, Gary Bahr, WA, SFIREG Chair, SFIREG Representatives]*

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Break

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- 10:15 am **EPA Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP) to Better Assess Human Endocrine Effects of Pesticides** – *EPA will provide an update on the EDSP and a few of the key actions to advance this program such as the use of the FIFRA process to obtain endocrine data making endocrine decisions related to human health more expeditiously by using existing data when possible, and the requirement for additional endocrine data for human health for 30 high-priority pesticides.* [Gary Bahr (WA, Chair), and Catherine Aubee (EPA/OPP)]
- 10:35 am **Structure and Scope for Proposed Framework to Strengthen Assessment of Antimicrobial-resistance Risks Associated with Pesticide Use** – *EPA will provide an update on the proposed framework for the assessment and risk assessment processes.* [Gary Bahr (WA, Chair), and Susan Jennings (EPA/OPP), SFIREG Representatives]
- 10:55 am **Chlorpyrifos and Organophosphate update** – *EPA will provide a summary of the Chlorpyrifos cancellation, regulatory action, and 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court topics and update, also any topics for the other Organophosphate's (OP) Petition Updates; OP Registration Review Schedule* [Gary Bahr (WA), Chair, and Elissa Reaves, Trish Biggio, Dana Friedman (PRD). *EPA to provide updates on OP petition, registration review and next steps* [Elissa Reaves, Anna Romanovsky (PRD), SFIREG Representatives].
- 11:15 am **EPA and Justice Department File Complaint Alleging Environmental Violations by eBay, and Ecommerce Regulatory topics** – *EPA and OECA will provide an update on the case and e-commerce topics* [Gary Bahr (WA) Chair, EPA and Royan Teter, OECA, SFIREG Representatives].
- 11:30 am **Reevaluation Schedule and Update from EPA** – *EPA will provide an update on Pesticide Reevaluation Processes and SFIREG will ask Questions.* [Gary Bahr (WA, Chair), SFIREG Representatives, Elissa Reaves and Dana Friedman (EPA/OPP/PRD), SFIREG Representatives].
- 12:00 am **SFIREG Processes for Issue Topics and Papers, Follow-up, and Working with EPA, & Full Consideration of Issue & White Papers and Actions** – *SFIREG will discuss the current issue and white papers, EPA responses, and follow-up processes for SFIREG and working with*

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*EPA. SFIREG and EPA will have a discussion on topics and processes.  
[Gary Bahr (WA, SFIREG Chair), Hotze Wijnja (MA, EQI Chair), Amy  
Brown (FL, POM Chair)]*

- 12:15 pm            **Announcements and Closing – Gary Bahr (WA) Chair**
- 12:30 pm            **Adjourn**

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