

SFIREG Endangered Species Strategy Implementation (ESI) Committee Update

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Why a New working committee?

- Significant changes to label requirements led to need for a formal process to work with EPA on SLA needs
- Existing POM and EQI workgroups began focusing much of their time on ESA-related issues
- AAPCO ESA Workgroup highlighted the need for a new committee
 - How is ESI different from the AAPCO ESA Workgroup?

Purpose of committee – a formal platform with EPA to resolve issues facing states implementing changes as a result of EPA's strategies to support ESA compliance

How was ESI formed?

- Formation and activities supported by a grant through EPA
- Established in June of 2024
- Nominations requested from SLAs in each EPA region
- 10 members selected from nominations submitted
- 7 of 10 EPA regions represented on the committee
- 3 year terms for committee members

SFIREG ESI Committee Members

- Kevin Kern (Chair), Michigan Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development
- Harris Walters, Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- Kathryn Rifenburg, Oregon Department of Agriculture – Pesticide Program
- Craig Romary, Nebraska Department of Agriculture
- Beth Dittman, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Ryan King, Ohio Department of Agriculture
- Stephanie Ende, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Tom Gere, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Daleena Blair, Washington Department of Agriculture
- Daniel Duer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
- Polo Moreno, California Department of Pesticide Regulation

What has ESI focused on?

- 4 priority areas
 - Bulletins Live! Two (BLT)
 - Clarity and complexity of ESA-related changes
 - Communication of ESA-related changes
 - Education & training efforts related to ESA

Successes

- Increased dialogue with EPA on SLA issues of concern
- Work with EPA on improvements to Bulletins Live! Two
 - Improved bulletin language & format
 - Public API / 3rd party access
 - Multiple product search capability
- Opportunities to comment and work on resources to help applicators and SLAs - EPA ESA Outreach WG established
- Work with EPA and other agencies on simplification of compliance information.

Into the Future...

- Continued conversations and problem-solving discussions on priority areas
- Enforcement challenges...
- Training & Education!

Get Involved! Provide Feedback!

- Currently, no representation from EPA Regions 1, 2 or 6
- Please provide feedback on surveys or questionnaires. This is a chance to provide EPA feedback and thoughts specific to your state!
- Take a look at EPA's new Advanced Resources for Bulletins Live! Two!
<https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species/advanced-resources-bulletins-live-two>

Questions?