

Update on activities
AAPCO Annual Conference
April 2025

SFIREG

State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group



This permanent committee was created by AAPCO when FIFRA was amended to provide States with Primacy for FIFRA Implementation, Use, and Enforcement (1978).

SFIREG

SFIREG provides a means for the States to communicate directly to EPA and enables States to play a meaningful role in the development of pesticide policies and regulations.

SFIREG is where the STATES can bring issues to the table to discuss with one another. If an issue is then considered to have widespread significance and EPA's assistance is needed to resolve the issue, SFIREG develops possible solutions and asks to either discuss the issue further or seeks resolution from EPA.

SFIREG - Full SFIREG Meeting

- SFIREG is composed of Representatives from each of the EPA regions.
- The 10 Regional Representatives form Full SFIREG.
- The SFIREG Representative is responsible for communicating with the states in the region and bringing regional issues to Full SFIREG.

SFIREG Regional Representatives

EPA Region	Representative	Agency
Region 1	David Rousseau	New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
Region 2	Anthony Lamanno	NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Region 3	Frank Schneider	Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Region 4	Kristen Lashley	Alabama Department of Agriculture
Region 5	Ryan Berzinski	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
Region 6	Ryan Williams	Oklahoma Department of Agriculture
Region 7	Kelly Navinsky-Wenzl	Kansas Department of Agriculture
Region 8	Dylan Zubke	North Dakota Department of Agriculture
Region 9	Jack Peterson	Arizona Department of Agriculture
Region 10	Brian Hurzeler	Idaho Department of Agriculture

<https://aapco.org/full-sfireg-committee-members/>

-SFIREG Working Committees-

Engaging in In-Depth Discussions and Approaches to Resolving Issues

Pesticide Operations and Management

- Focus on Operational and managerial aspects of implementation of pesticide programs, for example,
 - Registration
 - Certification
 - Enforcement
 - WPS
- 10 Representatives in addition to Chair

Environmental Quality Issues

- Focus on Technical aspects of the implementation of pesticide programs, for example,
 - Water Quality
 - Risk Assessment
 - Technical Standards
 - TES
- 10 Representatives in addition to Chair

Working Committees Report to Full SFIREG. Their primary function is to research and develop issues.

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ESA Strategy Implementation

- Focus on Technical aspects of the implementation of EPA's ESA Strategies
 - Comment on Interim Decisions that incorporate ESA Mitigation Measures
 - Comment on PULAs and BLT additions
 - Discuss verification and enforcement issues
 - Provide information to EPA on implementation
- 10 Representatives in addition to Chair

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Full SFIREG

Meets in June and December

All ten regional representatives

Working Committee Chairs

Partners

SFIREG Regional Reports
Working Committee Reports
OPP Updates
OECA Updates
Partner Updates

Pre-SFIREG meetings

- Each EPA Region
- identify issues to bring to Full SFIREG
- meet with EPA Region staff
- meet with PSEPs

SFIREG Upcoming Meetings

- April 7 & 8, 2025 – Joint Working Committee – Raleigh, NC
- June 2 &3, 2025 – Full SFIREG – Alexandria, VA
- September 15-16, 2025 – Joint Working Committee – TBD
- December 8 & 9, 2025 – Full SFIREG, Alexandria, VA

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