



AAPCO Newsletter

Association of American Pesticide Control Officials

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AAPCO Board Summer Newsletter

President's Message:

*Greetings, from the
Campus of:*



I am honored to serve in the role of AAPCO President. I follow a long line of exceptional regulatory officials who have served honorably in this role. I am hopeful to continue that standard. I consider it a privilege to work closely with the U.S. EPA and representatives from States, Tribes, Territories, Associations, Industry, and Federal Agencies on issues that impact pesticide laws and regulations across the nation. In the way of an introduction, I have worked for the Division of Regulatory and Public Service Programs at Clemson University since 1997. I have been with the Dept. of Pesticide Regulation since 2000. Prior to that, I earned three science-based degrees from Clemson University (B.S. in Biology, M.S. in Field Crop Entomology, and Ph. D. in Urban Entomology). I also have

many years of experience working in my family's pest control business. As a graduate assistant at Clemson University, I performed campus pest control and taught Biology at Anderson University. I have interests in the outdoors, natural history, American history, archaeology, paleontology, historic preservation, and genealogy. I also serve on numerous museum boards and advisory committees in South Carolina.

In my state regulatory role, my primary areas of responsibility include pesticide product registration, applicator licensing, and applicator certification and recertification. I also perform insect identifications for all consumer and regulatory samples submitted to Clemson's Extension Service and Regulatory Services.

I believe in an education-based compliance assistance approach to regulation. My general philosophy on pesticide regulation is that regulatory agencies

should use a practical approach, based on valid scientific data to make decisions affecting environmental protection and human health and safety. Risk-based decision making (rather than public perception or litigation), interagency collaboration in rule making, and regulatory intervention when necessary, are a few activities that effectively contribute to the protection of human health and the environment without compromising the productivity and profitability of agriculture within the borders of the United States.

I have been asked if I have a specific agenda for my term, and the answer is no. My agenda is the agenda sought by the AAPCO Membership and the Board of Directors. AAPCO is a strong organization with a long history of resolving complex issues. My emphasis is on enhancing established collaborations with partner agencies and associations, furthering the work of AAPCO/SFIREG committees and workgroups, and working closely with the U.S. EPA to accomplish common goals for environmental protection and the safe and effective use of pesticides.

Tim Drake (SC)
AAPCO President

**2015 AAPCO
Annual Meeting
March 9 - 11**

**On The Move!
New Site for
2015-2016-2017**

**Hilton Alexandria
Old Town
Alexandria, Virginia
Save This Date!**

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Additional Details**

EPA Rule Making Highlights of Major Interest to AAPCO

EPA has two major rule making dockets open:

- 1) **Agricultural Worker Protection Standard Rule (aka WPS)** Comment Period Closes on August 18, 2014
<http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/workers/proposed/index.html>
- 2) **Waters of the U.S. Rule (aka WOTUS)** Comment Period Closes on October 20, 2014
<http://www2.epa.gov/uswaters>
- 3) **Interpretive Rule for NRCS Agricultural Conservation Practices (Exempt from Wetlands Provisions)**
http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-03/documents/cwa_section404f_interpretive_rule.pdf
 Comment Period Closed on July 7, 2014

WPS Rule Teams for AAPCO and NASDA have completed a summary outline of issues/priorities and draft comments for the docket, respectively. The draft documents from these recent meetings are available by email.

Please Contact: Steve Dwinell (FL) or Jeff Comstock (VT).

Recent **WOTUS** developments and activity includes Blog Post Debates between EPA and Industry (<http://blog.epa.gov/epaconnect/2014/06/setting-the-record-straight-on-wous/> and http://www.fb.org/newsroom/nr/nr2014/07-16-14/Stoner_Blog_Response_long.pdf). There is pending Congressional action (H.R.5078) to prevent promulgation of the proposed WOTUS Rule (<https://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/5078?q>). There is also the potential that the NRCS Interpretive Guidance Rule may be incorporated into the Final Rule rather than left as a separate guidance MOU.

Changes To The AAPCO & SFIREG Leadership Line Up: *Transitions In Store for 2014 – 2015*

Grier Stayton: Our beloved Executive Secretary has announced his intention to relinquish his post. I can't really say "retire" because Grier will continue to run his farm operation in Milford, DE just as he has done the entire 8 years he has served as AAPCO/SFIREG Secretary. Grier started as AAPCO/SFIREG Secretary in 2007. Grier plans to continue working with SFIREG until the end of March, 2015. The AAPCO Board of Directors plans to post a position announcement during July/August and conduct interviews during September/October with the intention of hiring a new Secretary prior to the December SFIREG Meeting. This schedule will allow Grier to complete work on the 2015 AAPCO Annual Meeting and provide an opportunity for on-the-job training with his successor. The AAPCO Board used a similar strategy for a successful transition when Treasurer Dave Fredrickson replaced Mike Fresvik. Stay tuned for more news in the months ahead.

Bonnie Rabe (NM): Bonnie has accepted an appointment to the AAPCO Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created by the departure of **Amy Bamber (MT)**. Bonnie will serve as a full-term director with seniority after **Steve Dwinell (FL)**. As per the by-laws, Bonnie's appointment to the AAPCO Board of Directors is subject to confirmation by the full AAPCO membership as part of the slate of officers elected at the next Annual Meeting in March, 2015. Congratulations Bonnie. And, Thanks!

Jim Gray (ND): Jim has accepted the position as Chair of SFIREG. Although Jim's two year term officially starts in July and runs through June, 2016, Jim shared the duties with out-going Chair Steve Dwinell (FL) (yes, double-entendre fully intentional) at the June SFIREG meeting. Jim's participation in planning and conducting the June SFIREG will help facilitate a smooth transition of Working Committee leadership and coordination of SFIREG and EPA partnerships and priorities. Thank you to Steve Dwinell for two terms (four years) at the helm of SFIREG. Not a simple task. Remember Jim, you signed up for this job. Good Luck.

Kirk Cook (WA): Kirk is the new Chair of the SFIREG EQI (Environmental Quality Issues) Working Committee. After several years away from SFIREG, Kirk re-joined the EQI during 2013 and has accepted the position as Chair because the current EQI Chair, **Roy Meyer (NJ)** will be retiring from the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection in October, 2014. "Say What! How Can This Be?"

Additional News & Surprises:

Ed Crow (MD): AAPCO recently learned that our long serving AAPSE Liaison, has also decided to retire. The news from Ed's colleagues at the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture indicates that after 32 years, Ed plans to be . . . 'Gone Fishin' – for reel!

EPA Regulator in Residence Program Highlights: June, 2014

As you are likely aware, the current team of three State Lead Agencies participating in this year's Regulator-In-Residence Program are:

Dave Scott (OISC)
Charlie Clark (FDACS)
Liza Fleeson (VDACS)

Recent Visits:

The trio had the unique opportunity to all be in residence the week of April 14-18, 2014. In addition to being able to provide the perspective of three separate state agencies to the EPA, it also provided the opportunity for the state control officials to collaborate on specific issues and discussion areas.

The SLA R-I-Rs had a full week participating in numerous discussions and meetings including:

- EPA's Spanish Label Language Initiative;
- SMART Labels;
- Misbranding of Antimicrobials;
- Spray Drift;
- Pollinator Protection; and
- Seed Bag Tag Language.

In addition, the threesome participated in a Registration Division "all-hands" meeting which provided Virginia an opportunity to provide an overview of the state's pesticide program.

The group also participated in the EXPOSAC (Exposure Scientific Advisory Committee) which offered both the

Committee and SLAs a better understanding of each other's roles and challenges.

Also unique to this visit was the opportunity to meet with OECA's Office of Compliance **Ann Pontius** and **Don Lott**. Ann is the (OC) Deputy Division Director, Monitoring Assistance and Media Program Division. Don is Office of Civil Enforcement's (OCE) Assistant Director, Waste and Chemical Enforcement Division.

Next Visit:

IN, FL and VA have been asked and will again be in residence together the week of July 21-25, 2014.

2015 AAPCO Annual Meeting @ Alexandria, VA March 9-11

Hilton Alexandria Old Town

Location & Facility Highlights:

1767 King St. Alexandria, VA

- Adjacent To King St - Old Town Metro Station – Two stops from Reagan National Airport (DCA) **YELLOW & BLUE** Lines
- Group Room Rate \$209 + Tax/Night
- Renovations and New Rooms Completed – January 2014
- Fitness Center and Full Service (In Lobby) **Starbucks** *[That would be for coffee, not your workout]*
- Convenient Access To Washington DC Attractions and Federal Offices
- Walking Distance To Alexandria Waterfront with:
 - Old Town Trolley Rides (FREE) To Enjoy Area Shops, Restaurants, Art/Antique Shops & Street Artists
 - Water Taxi Ride to National Harbor Shopping, Dining and Nightlife
 - Walking Tours of Historic King Street District



Note: View of Hilton Alexandria Old Town from the King St. Metro Station Directly Across the Street.



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Grier Says:

"It's been an enjoyable and quick eight years serving as the AAPCO Executive Secretary. My decision to retire was really tough, but there comes a time to move on. I could not have asked for a better group of folks to work with – and I want to thank each of you for the professional courtesy and support you have afforded me during my tenure. I'll take with me many fun and memorable moments – some of which, as a Gentleman, shall remain classified." ☺

"Knowing the quality and dedication of our members, I am confident the Association will continue to advance our state pesticide regulatory views, coordinate with our Federal partners – and bottom line, safeguard the public interest. It's been a great honor serving AAPCO and hopefully I have contributed in a small way. I'll still be around until the end of March 2015 – so keep me posted if you have any requests or needs from this office.

THANKS !



Events Calendar

2014

- Aug 24-27 ASPCRO Annual Mtg @ Missoula, MT
- Sept 15-16 SFIREG Joint POM/EQI Mtg @ EPA Potomac Yards
Crystal City, VA
- Sept 18-19 AAPSE National Mtg @ Harrisburg, PA
- Oct 8-9 TPPC Mtg @ EPA Potomac Yards
- Oct 27-29 CTAG Board Mtg @ TBD

December 8-9 Full SFIREG Mtg @ EPA Potomac Yards

2015

- March 9-11 AAPCO Annual Meeting @ Old Town
(Hilton Alexandria) Alexandria, VA

Note: Additional Events and Details available at the AAPCO Website.