**AAPCO Workgroup or Liaison Report to Annual Meeting**

Work Group/Liaison Name: [Pesticide Programs Dialogue Committee]

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Members: Various Stakeholders

Date of Report: March 2, 2015

**Issues to be raised for discussion by AAPCO Board or General Session:**
(Note: This section can also include a self-assessment as to the effectiveness and continued need for this workgroup/liaison function.)

The PPDC face to face meeting was held in June 2014. Another scheduled meeting was supposed to happen in December 2014 but it was canceled. The issues that AAPCO should continue to follow are the pollinator protection issues and the integrated pest management issues in schools. There has been an initiative by the President for various federal agencies to work on pollinator issues and that initiative is being led by the USEPA. In turn, the states have been actively working on several facets of the pollinator protection including proposing pesticide label changes for all pesticides. I am the lead of the labeling subgroup of the pesticide pollinator work group for the PPDC and have been involved in setting up meetings and led discussions about the labeling issues the last 2 years. However, when the Presidential initiative started, our subgroup was asked to wait for direction from USEPA. It seems the work on labeling will start again after USEPA finds out what the states have been working on for labeling.

IPM in schools is another issue that has been extensively discussed at PPDC. There have been various models in various states that have been discussed but USEPA would like to encourage all the states to come up with a program that address IPM. Since this issue can be complex especially when it comes to implementation, it is very important to be involved in the discussions at PPDC. USEPA would like to evaluate the state IPM programs and there are various states that have effective programs.

I think it will benefit AAPCO to continue to have involvement in these two key issues at PPDC because both these issues will definitely impact the work of the pesticide regulators in each state.

**General summary of work group/liaison activities for the year:**
This summary will be included in the General Session meeting folder
(Note: Reports that contain specific recommendations will be acted upon individually.)

For the year 2014, PPDC only met once face to face and the second meeting was canceled. However, a webinar was held last Feb 25 for USEPA to give updates on several issues including pollinator protection, chlorpyrifos, OPP budgets, regulatory
updates and herbicide issues. The next face to face meeting will be in May 2015. Here are the issues discussed during the meetings in June 2014 and Feb. 2015.

1) Pollinator protection – The 3 subgroups of the pollinator protection committee presented their reports. These were best management practices, communication and labeling issues. The PPDC committee made a recommendation that the labeling subgroup continue discussions on label improvements and report on those again for the next meeting. In August 2014, the President came up with an initiative to protect pollinators and at that point, the labeling subcommittee was asked to wait for direction from the presidential committee on how to proceed. At this point, the committee is waiting for the next PPDC meeting to see what work will need to be done for the pollinator protection committee of PPDC.

2) Chlorpyrifos – This issue was raised during the update webinar on Feb 25. USEPA has completed a draft risk assessment on chlorpyrifos last December 2014. It is now open for comments and is on the USEPA website. USEPA stated that they are going to initiate work on mitigation for chlorpyrifos even if the risk assessment is not finalized yet and will engage with stakeholders through the process.

3) Regulatory efficiencies – This issue was discussed also during the update webinar in February. USEPA stated that there is an initiative for the federal government to evaluate their current regulations and get them streamlined to make it less burdensome for the regulated community. They are being asked to engage stakeholders in the process and need for the PPDC committee to think about it and send comments to USEPA before the meeting in May. I think AAPCO should engage in this issue to see what recommendations USEPA will come up with to streamline the regulatory process.