STATE FIFRA RESEARCH & EVALUATION GROUP (SFIREG)
FULL COMMITTEE
2777 South Crystal Drive, One Potomac Yards (South Building) 1st Floor
US EPA OFFICES, ARLINGTON, VA
December 7-8, 2015

AGENDA

Monday, December 7th 2015

8:15 – 8:30 am Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics
Cary Giguere, SFIREG Chair

8:30 – 9:30 am OPP Update/ Progress
Nicole Zinn, EPA/OPP/FEAD
Report on status of current activities of OPP that affect pesticide registration and label interpretation issues, and other “hot topics”

9:30 – 9:45 am Update on Design for the Environment, Safer Choice, CSPA letter
Bonnie Rabe, SFIREG POM Chair
Development of SFIREG position paper

9:45 – 10:00 am Discussion and proposed adoption of MP3 measures
Bonnie Rabe, SFIREG/POM Chair
Kirk Cook, EQI/SFIREG Chair
Marietta Echeverria, EPA/OPP/RD
Michael Goodis, EPA/OPP/PRD

10:00- 10:30 Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee Report
Bonnie Rabe, SFIREG/POM Chair
Report on committee activity. Goal is provision of information and identification of any further action needed by POM.

10:30 – 11:00 am Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee Report
Kirk Cook, EQI/SFIREG Chair
Report on committee activity and current issue papers under development. Goal is provision of information and identification of any further action needed by EQI or Full SFIREG.

11:00 -11:15 am Bee Kill Reporting
Pat Jones, SFIREG NC
Tom Steeger, EPA/OPP
Is there a desire for SFIREG to standardize the information for reporting bee kills to EPA? What role does NPIC play?

11:15 – 11:30 am Drones used for pesticide application - How are States dealing with the issue of licensing?
Leo Reed, SFIREG IN

11:30 – 11:45 am Pesticide use on Marijuana
Cary Giguere, SFIREG Chair
Kirk Cook, EQI/SFIREG Chair
Should SFIREG or AAPCO facilitate a process for States to pool resources to help make risk assessment decisions with regard to pesticide use on medicinal, recreational, and industrial cannabis?

11:45 – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 1:20 pm Certification and Training Rule- Survey (AAPCO-SFIREG-ASPCRO)
Soil Fumigation category and its role in certification and training trends (State vs. Federal vs. Industry oversight)
Cary Giguere SFIREG Chair
Liza J. Fleeson, ASPCRO President
Results of SLA Survey on C&T proposed rule and a discussion of education trends seen implemented with soil fumigants and now being proposed for other applications techniques. Trend toward making training the responsibility of someone other than the SLA

1:20- 1:45 pm Discussion on the awarded WPS grants; emphasis on how SFIREG should expect to interact with these grantees.
Kevin Keeney, OPP
Dudley Hoskins, NASDA
Discuss formation of and roles and expectations of Worker Protection Advisory Group and how SFIREG should expect to interact.

1:45 – 3:00 pm Pre-SFIREG/Regional Reports
Each SFIREG member will be given 5-6 minutes to provide a report on key issues raised at the pre-SFIREG meetings. Goal is provision of information and identification of any further action needed by SFIREG.
3:00 – 3:15 pm  ASPCRO Report
Liza J. Fleeson, ASPCRO President

3:15 – 3:30 pm  AAPCO Report
Chuck Moses, AAPCO President

3:30 – 3:45 pm  APPSE Report
Don Renchie Texas AgriLife Extension Service, TAMU AAPSE President

3:45 – 4:00  Wrap of Day 1, Identification of Action Items

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

8:15 am- 8:30 am  Welcome and Logistics
Cary Giguere SFIREG Chair

8:30 – 8:45 am  OECA Update
Shirley Fan, EPA/OECA
Report on OECA activities that affect SLA enforcement programs. Goal is provision of information and identification of any further action needed by SFIREG

8:45 – 9:15 am  Adjusting Pesticide Inspection Time Allocations
Cary Giguere, SFIREG Chair
Jeff Comstock, SFIREG VT
Michelle Bogner, MI, AAPCO Lab committee chair
Shirley Fan, EPA/OECA
SFIREG recommendation for any changes to the inspection time allocations.

9:15 am-9:45am  Federal Credential requirements for State Lead Agencies- EPA ORDER 3500.1 PROGRAM-SPECIFIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
Chuck Moses, SFIREG, NV
Ryan Williams, SFIREG, OK
Grant Bishop, SFIREG, WV
Ed Messina, OC/OECA
Discussion about supervisor certification for proof of training requirement vs. producing a certificate. Some States are still having difficulty accessing NETI and the dashboard.
9:45 - 10:00   Break

10:00 – 10:15 am   Update on Persistent Herbicide SPE extraction method
Michelle Bogner, MI, AAPCO Lab committee chair
*Dow was working with States to validate a method for detecting aminopyralid, clopyralid and picloram in composts. SFIREG is interested in method progress.*

10:15 – 10:30   Contaminants in Formulation Samples
Michelle Bogner, MI, AAPCO Lab committee chair
Don Lott OE/OECA
*States are being encouraged to look for contaminants in formulation samples. This essentially makes all formulation samples residue samples the amount of effort involved in this change is significant and is worth discussing.*

10:30 – 11:00   WPS Inspection Guidance
Leo Reed, SFIREG, IN
Ed Messina, OC/OECA

11:00- 11:15   TPPC Update
Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs TPPC Chairman

11:15 -11:30   PREP Update
Carol Black WSU

11:30-11:45   Review, Recap, Wrap of Day 2, Identification of Action Items