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AAPCO SPRING MEETING
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



ADAM SHARP

Adam Sharp has served since July 2016 as the Executive Vice President of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc. As executive vice president, Sharp serves as the chief executive of the statewide organization and leads efforts to advance its mission to forge a partnership between farmers and consumers.

Sharp has over 20 years of experience developing and implementing farm policy at the state and national levels and has held several key positions at Ohio Farm Bureau since 2004. Most recently, he served as vice president of public policy, in which he oversaw state and federal government relations; legislative and regulatory affairs; legal, animal and food issues; grassroots policy development and the organization's Agriculture for Good Government Political Action Committee (AGGPAC).

Prior to joining Ohio Farm Bureau, Sharp held various policy and government relations roles with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the American Farm Bureau Federation. He also served as a teaching assistant for The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and as a radio producer for Agri-Broadcasting Network (ABN). Sharp graduated from Ohio State University in 1994 where he majored in agricultural communications with a minor in international economic and social development. He is a strong supporter of FFA, 4-H and The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Sharp grew up working on his family's farm in southern Ohio, which he now owns and operates with his brothers. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children and reside in Amanda.

AFRICA DORAME-AVALOS

Mrs. Dorame-Avalos is the Pesticide Program Manager for the Environmental Department of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. She has worked in the public health environmental field for the past 16 years. In 2001, she started her career with the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Environmental Department. She served as the Tribal Preparedness Liaison for the Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response with the Arizona Department of Health Services from 2006-2008.

In late 2008, she accepted an Environmental Specialist position with the ITCA Pesticide Program. In her current position, she oversees the Pesticide Enforcement and Worker Safety Programs and its grant requirements. The Pesticide Program provides on-site technical assistance, training, inspection guidance and assistance in program development and capacity building to Tribes in Arizona.

She is fluent in English and Spanish, and provides translation services as needed to the Tribes when conducting Worker Protection Standard Agriculture Inspections on tribal lands, and Tribal Pesticide Safety Training in Spanish. She serves on the Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee, Western IPM Advisory Board, PIRT Steering Committee and several other committees and workgroups related to pesticide use and regulation in Indian Country.

ANITA PEASE

Anita is the Associate Director of the Environmental Fate and Effects Division in EPA's Pesticides Program. During her tenure as Associate Director, Anita has been OPP's lead on endangered species (ES)-related activities including oversight of EPA's ES-litigation commitments and most recently the collaborative work with the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop new scientific methods, based on recommendations from the National Academy of Science report on assessing ES risk from pesticides. Prior to joining EPA in 2004, Anita was employed as a Senior Scientist with 15 years of experience in the environmental consulting industry.

BARBARA GLENN

Dr. Barbara Glenn recently joined the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) as CEO on August 18, 2014. Dr. Glenn is a scientist with decades of experience as a policy researcher and advocate for agriculture. She previously served as Senior Vice President of Science and Regulatory Affairs for CropLife America, where she was responsible for developing policies and regulations to support agriculture through crop protection. Prior to joining CropLife America, Dr. Glenn served as Managing Director of the Animal Biotechnology, Food and Agriculture Section of the Biotechnology Industry Association in Washington, DC. Dr. Glenn holds a B.S. in animal science and a Ph.D. in ruminant nutrition from the

University of Kentucky. She previously worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service and the Federation of Animal Science Societies. Born in Lincoln, Nebraska and raised in Centerville, Ohio, Dr. Glenn developed a passion for agriculture from her parents and her involvement in 4-H. She lives on a small farm in Maryland with her husband and three children, and serves on various boards for farm bureau and 4-H.

CISSE SPRAGINS

Dr. Spragins received her bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Tennessee and her master's and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

She worked for rodenticide manufacturer Bell Laboratories, Inc. from 1989-1998 in the successive capacities of Researcher, Technical Director, and Director of International Business Development.

She left Bell in 1998 and founded Rockwell Labs Ltd, to develop, manufacture, and market innovative IPM insect control products for the professional pest control industry. The company is based in North Kansas City and currently has over 40 products in the US market and selected international markets, including CimeXa and BorActin dusts, InVict and InTice baits, EcoVia botanical insecticides, InVite lures, InVade bio sanitation products and several patented insect stations. She launched a retail product line under the Maggie's Farm brand in 2013. Dr. Spragins has spoken at pest management conferences worldwide on various topics encompassing IPM insect control and rodent control.

DAN KENNY

Dan Kenny graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1986, where he studied biology and environmental conservation. He joined the U.S. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs in 1991, where he began a ten year period as a risk manager in the Registration Division's Herbicide Branch, reviewing herbicide applications and recommending decisions and risk management strategies for new herbicide chemicals and new herbicide uses. Afterwards, he spent five years as a Product Manager in the Insecticide-Rodenticide Branch, where he led a team of risk managers responsible for regulating certain classes of insecticides. In 2006, he returned to the Herbicide Branch as Branch Chief, where he continues to oversee EPA's risk

management decisions for new herbicide actions proposed for use in the United States.

DAVID GAINES

David Gaines got his B.Sc. in Entomology at Penn State University in 1981; worked as the sales manager/entomologist for a pest control supply company from 1981 through 1984; worked as a pest control operator during 1985; joined the Peace Corps in 1986 and spent two years in The Gambia, West Africa, doing agricultural crop research; obtained an M.S. in Entomology in 1992, and a Ph.D. in Entomology in 1997 at Virginia Tech (graduate studies at Virginia Tech dealt with biological pest control in field crops); worked from 1997 to 2000 for the U.S. Army Public Health Command as an environmental assessor of pest management programs on Army installations nationwide. He joined the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Office of Epidemiology in 2000. Work at VDH mainly involves the epidemiology, surveillance for, and prevention of mosquito and tick borne diseases (e.g., West Nile virus, La Crosse encephalitis [a.k.a. California encephalitis], dengue, chikungunya, Zika, Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis and spotted fever rickettsiosis).

DAVIS DAIKER

Dr. Davis Daiker is the Chief of the Bureau of Scientific Evaluation and Technical Assistance within the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. His Bureau evaluates the fate and effects of pesticides, registers pesticides, provides technical outreach on matters related to pest control, termite prevention (conehead and Formosan species), and provides technical support to the state's mosquito control programs. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from Texas A&M and a doctorate degree in toxicology/experimental pathology from the University of Texas Medical Branch. Davis has been with FDACS since 2001, serving in varying positions related to pesticide risk and mitigation. He has also chaired the Termiticide Label Review Committee within ASPCRO and sits on the EQI working committee within SFIREG.

DENISE RICE

Denise Rice is a chemist that has been with the Federal Government for 13.5 years. She started in the EPA OIG's Office of Investigations as a laboratory fraud technical expert. She then worked for the OIG's Office of

Program Evaluation for a few years. She has been with the Office of Pesticide Programs for 5.5 years as the Director of Quality Assurance. Previous to the EPA she worked for commercial laboratories, and in the Laboratory Licensure and Certification Program of the State of Arizona's Department of Health Services.

DENNIS HOWARD

Dennis Howard has a BS in Biology from Towson State University. He began his employment with the Maryland Department of Agriculture in 1977 as an inspector and is now Chief of the Pesticide Regulation Section. He has served on various boards and committee throughout his career and is currently finishing up his term as AAPCO President.

DON LOTT

A thirty-year career employee of EPA, Mr. Lott currently holds the position of Associate Director for the Waste and Chemical Enforcement Division in OECA's Office of Civil Enforcement. He is responsible for national enforcement program policy issues for the pesticides, lead-based paint, asbestos in schools, and underground storage tanks programs. Prior to assuming his current position in January 2007, Mr. Lott managed related regulatory compliance and enforcement programs in the Agency's Region 3 office in Philadelphia, where he joined EPA in April 1987. By 1990, he had been promoted to Chief of the Pesticide Management Section, subsequently expanding program management responsibilities over the next ten years to include the lead-based paint and asbestos programs. In 1999, his focus switched to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as he became Chief of the RCRA Compliance and Enforcement Branch, managing both the hazardous waste and underground storage tank programs.

Mr. Lott was born and raised on a farm near Gettysburg, PA, and prior to joining EPA, he spent six years as a Pennsylvania state pesticide inspector and another six years managing northern operations for B&W Quality Growers, the world's largest commercial producer of watercress.

Mr. Lott graduated from Rutgers University with a BS (entomology focus) and subsequently received an MBA in Management from Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, MD.

DUDLEY HOSKINS

Dudley Hoskins joined the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) as Public Policy Counsel in November 2013. Prior to joining NASDA, Hoskins worked as the Director of Health and Regulatory Affairs for the American Horse Council and as Manager of Regulatory Policy for RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment). Hoskins earned his undergraduate degree from Tulane University and Juris Doctorate from Texas A&M University School of Law. Hoskins is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas.

NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries, and directors of the departments of agriculture in all fifty states and four U.S. territories.

EDWARD MESSINA

Ed is the Director of the Office of Compliance's Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division. The Division is responsible for managing various Agency compliance monitoring programs, including ensuring that inspectors have the training and tools that they need. Ed's division also allocates to EPA's regional offices approximately \$19 million in state and tribal assistance grant funds supporting pesticide inspection and enforcement programs. Prior to that Ed was the Acting Associate Director of the Office of Civil Enforcement's Air Enforcement Division where he managed complex air litigation. Ed was also a branch chief in the Air Enforcement Division, Waste and Chemical Enforcement Division, and the Toxics and Pesticides Enforcement Division. Ed started his EPA career in 1996 as a Region 5 Attorney where he litigated cases under a variety of environmental statutes. In 2001, Ed completed a rotation as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois where he conducted trials in federal district court and presented oral arguments in front of the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Ed has both a JD and a Master of Studies in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School.

ELIZABETH VIZARD

Liz is the Chief of the Pesticides, Waste and Toxics Branch in the Office of Compliance's Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division. Liz's career started in the private sector as a project manager with the environmental consulting firm Jellinek, Schwartz & Connolly assisting clients with EPA pesticide registration/reregistration, compliance questions, and GLP requirements. She began her federal career with EPA in 2000 and has since held a series of positions in the Office of Pesticide Programs, and OECA's Office of Site Remediation Enforcement, and Office of Compliance. Liz's strategic planning and performance measure work has involved multiple media programs and cross-cutting areas. Liz works collaboratively on national compliance monitoring guidance, interpretation, and inspector support. In addition, her branch implements national FIFRA, TSCA & RCRA strategic performance measurements, manages compliance monitoring strategies, provides inspector training, and collaborates on targeting approaches. Liz holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Studies from Drew University, and graduate course work from Johns Hopkins University.

JACKIE MOSBY

Jackie Mosby is the Director of the Field and External Affairs Division in the Office of Pesticide Programs of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Jackie has more than 25 years of management and technical experience in various EPA offices, including the Office of Children's Health Protection in the Office of the Administrator; the Office of Water; the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, and previously held a position in the Pesticide Programs' Special Review and Reregistration Division.

In previous positions, Jackie has been responsible for the review of all national program chemicals, including such high profile chemicals as asbestos, PCBs, lead and mercury. She has also served as the Senior Steering Committee Co-Chair for the President's Federal Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children, and as the EPA representative on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (ACCLPP). Over the course of Jackie's career, she has been instrumental in strengthening children's health, and public health protection through EPA's regulatory actions, research, and outreach and education.

Jackie holds a dual Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Science and Allied and Biological Health Sciences from Howard University and a Master's Degree in Public Health in Environmental and Occupational Health from George Washington University.

JIM FREDRICKS

Jim is the Vice President of Technical and Regulatory Affairs for the National Pest Management Association, Fairfax, VA; a 75 year-old association representing the structural pest management industry worldwide. In his position, Jim is responsible for all aspects of technical publications, services, education, and training, as well as providing strategic direction to NPMA's State and Federal public policy efforts.

Jim is also the Executive Director for the Pest Management Foundation, a non-profit foundation whose mission and purpose is to advance the pest management industry through education, research, and training.

Jim is a Board Certified Entomologist and holds a Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Delaware, where his research focused on the factors influencing how subterranean termites interact with bait stations. Jim also holds a MS degree in Entomology from the University of Delaware and a BS degree in Biology Education from Millersville University of Pennsylvania.

In 2015, Jim was awarded the Entomological Society of America's Distinguished Service Award to the Certification Program.

Prior to joining NPMA, Jim was Technical Director for Home Paramount Pest Control, a large Pest management firm in serving the Mid-Atlantic, where he served for 11 years.

JOSEPH CONLON

Joseph Conlon is a retired US Navy Medical Entomologist serving as Technical Advisor to the American Mosquito Control Association since 2000. During his naval career, he conducted vector control operations and consultations as a US Navy entomologist in 37 different countries worldwide.

As Technical Advisor, Mr. Conlon is responsible for drafting and submitting AMCA regulatory policy documents to local, state and national agencies, including EPA, USDA and USFWS and is a former member of the EPA Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee IPM and Public Health Workgroups. He has provided over

39,000 telephone/written consults on vector biology, pesticide usage and disposal and equipment use/repair to individuals, written/broadcast media, county, state, national and international agencies. He is board certified in medical and veterinary entomology by the Entomological Society of America - 1994

Mr Conlon has appeared on The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, CBS Weekend News, The Morning Show with Mike and Juliet, Lou Dobbs, FOX and PBS national TV newscasts. In the past 3 months aloine, Mr Conlon has conducted 404 media interviews, totalling over 4 billion media impressions. He has presented 293 invited papers on vector control to universities, international, national, regional and state mosquito control, medical and public health associations.

Joseph Conlon has published 27 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and has published 263 articles in various trade magazines and major newspapers. He has testified three times before Congress regarding West Nile Virus and Zika virus control.

KACI BUHL

Kaci Buhl is the Deputy Director of PERC, the Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative, working closely with Suzanne Forsyth at UC Davis Extension. Kaci and Suzanne, sometimes known as "Kazanne" have been very busy building educational resources about WPS for the past year, and she will talk about that today. Kaci has experience as an Investigator with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, as a Coordinator at the National Pesticide Information Center, and just recently, she was appointed the new PSEP Coordinator in Oregon.

KEVIN KEANEY

Kevin Keaney manages the agricultural worker protection program, pesticide applicator certification program, pesticide container / containment / disposal program, and implements an initiative to better prepare health care providers to recognize and manage pesticide poisonings. Before working for EPA, he taught at universities in Pittsburgh and Baltimore, directed a community action program in Virginia, and was a planner / economist for Washington's Metro subway development. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees in Economics and in English Literature, and has studied law.

KIM POPE BROWN

Kim Pope Brown is the Pesticide Safety Education Coordinator for the LSU AgCenter since 2012. Prior to working for the LSU AgCenter, Kim was the assistant pesticide safety education coordinator at Auburn University. She earned her B.S. from Auburn University in Agronomy and her M.S. from Louisiana State University in Plant, Soils and Environmental Science. With the LSU AgCenter she is responsible for training commercial pesticide applicators, assisting county agents with private pesticide applicator trainings, updating study materials and exam materials in the state of Louisiana. She has been very involved in AAPSE as a past Southern Region Representative, has been a member of the Awards Committee for the past 3 years, and has been a member of a few ad hoc committees.

LAUREN MYERS

Lauren Myers is a small town southern girl who grew up in the world of pharmaceuticals as her dad owns and operates an independent pharmacy in the bootheel of Missouri. She developed a love for science and pursued multiple Bachelors of Science Degrees in Biology, Chemistry, and Biochemistry & Biotechnology all from the University of Missouri St. Louis, graduating in the summer of 2010. Shortly thereafter in August of 2010, Lauren joined the Spectrum Brands, Pet Home & Garden team and has been there for more than 6 years as a Senior Regulatory Affairs Specialist. Lauren is a very active participant in many industry organizations such as CSPA & ALSTAR and currently holds the Vice Chair responsibility for the NPIRS Advisory Council.

LAURENT MEZIN

Laurent is the regulatory and government affairs leader for SePRO Corporation, Carmel, Indiana. He has 15 years of experience including twelve years in the agricultural and specialty chemicals industry and three years in biotechnology (oncology). He has a PhD in Marine Science from the School of Marine Science (VIMS), College of William and Mary, Virginia.

LEO REED

Leo Reed, employed by the Office of Indiana State Chemist for 24 years.

10 years as the Certification and Licensing Manager.

AND....all around good guy.

LIZA FLEESON TROSSBACH

Liza Fleeson Trossbach serves as the Program Manager for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Pesticide Services. In this position, she directs the statewide pesticide program and administers the Virginia Pesticide Control Act and related regulations. Liza is the current President of the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO). Throughout her career, Liza has worked in environmental and public health programs with the Departments of Health, Corrections and Agriculture.

MICHAEL GOODIS

Michael Goodis is the Registration Division (RD) Director in the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs. As the RD Director he is responsible for managing the pesticide registration for all conventional pesticides to be used in the U.S., including new active ingredients and product registrations, amendments, pesticide tolerances, emergency exemptions, and other regulatory actions. Prior to joining RD, Michael was the Associate Director of the Pesticide Re-evaluation Division and has nearly 20 experience in pesticide risk management and regulatory decision-making in determining whether pesticides meet required safety standards.

MICHELLE ARLING

Michelle Arling has worked in the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at the United States Environmental Protection Agency since 2002. She is OPP's Human Research Ethics Review Officer and the lead for web-distributed labeling. Michelle has also worked in the Certification and Worker Protection Branch on both the applicator certification regulation and the agricultural worker protection standard. Michelle earned her BA from Drew University in 2002 and her JD from Catholic University Columbus School of Law in 2013.

NANCY FITZ

Nancy Fitz is a chemical engineer by training and is an environmental protection specialist for the Office of Pesticide Programs in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She has worked on policies and regulations regarding pesticide containers, containment, disposal, storage, and transportation for over 25 years. For the past several years, she has switched to help with the development and implementation of the Worker Protection Standard and the Pesticide Applicator Certification rules.

PAT JONES

Patrick Jones, Deputy Director for Pesticide Programs at the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Service, Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division has worked for the department for more than 34 years as a pesticide inspector, field supervisor and enforcement manager. As deputy director, he oversees pesticide registration, field compliance, enforcement, and outreach programs focused on ensuring the safe use of pesticides in North Carolina. His two main focus areas lately have been the outreach and education efforts to growers on the pollinator protection program in NC including the FieldWatch Program implemented by NCDA&CS and the Worker Protection Revisions. He also serves as the Region 4 Representative to SFIREG and serves as Chair of the AAPCO Worker Protection Committee.

PLES SPRADLEY

Ples Spradley has been the Associate Professor – Pesticide Safety Education for the University of Arkansas System, Division of Agriculture for the past 28 years. He has served President of American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE), President of the National Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA), Co-Chair of the Certification & Training Assessment Group (CTAG), and Chair of the National Aerial Applicators Exam Development Committee. He has also owned and operated a pick-your-own blueberry and pecan farm in Lonoke County, Arkansas for over 32 years.

RAYMOND FORNEY

Dr. David Raymond Forney was born and raised in Chestertown, Maryland and graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio. After 2-years' work on Chesapeake Bay ecology with the Smithsonian Institution, he went to Auburn University as a graduate student and completed a Master's degree in Botany/Weed Science in 1980. He earned his Ph.D. in Weed Science at Virginia Tech in 1984.

Dr. Forney entered a career in the crop protection industry in 1984, beginning with early-stage evaluation of potential herbicide candidates for Shell Development Company at Modesto, California. Moving to DuPont in 1986, Dr. Forney conducted herbicide discovery, focusing on soybeans, at Newark, DE, and then took a field position in Iowa. His work there included product development and technical sales support. His 1991 patent "Herbicide utility on resistant crops", led to the commercialization of STS™ soybeans and related herbicide products which are still in use today.

In 1993, Dr. Forney returned to Kent County, MD, to implement and manage A Sustainable Agriculture Project at DuPont's Chesapeake Farms. He was involved there with a diverse panel of farmers and collaborators in evaluating sustainability of grain farming systems, including a watershed-based study of nonpoint sources of nutrients, sediments, and pesticides.

In 1998, Dr. Forney returned to Newark, DE, to lead warm season herbicide discovery for DuPont, leading to a patent he coauthored on a novel class of soil-active herbicide chemistry.

In 2000, he began work on behalf of DuPont within CropLife International in Brussels and CropLife America in Washington, D.C. In 2001, he assumed the Global Product Stewardship responsibilities for DuPont Crop Protection, where he leads issues management and product stewardship training programs globally. He has travelled extensively to conduct audits and training exercises with business teams, and participates in DuPont's corporate Global Product Stewardship and Regulatory Team.

Dr. Forney served on Maryland's Agricultural NonPoint Source Initiative Committee in 1992 and 1993, and served as Chair of the Upper Eastern Shore Tributary Strategy implementation team from 1995 to 1998. He served in 1997 and 1998 on an Expert Group for the OECD Pesticide Forum in a Pesticide Aquatic Risk Indicators project. He has been active in regional and national professional Weed Science Societies, and chaired the WSSA Sustainable Agriculture Committee from 1994 to 1999. He presently serves CropLife International on the Stewardship and Sustainable Agriculture Committee and the IPM project team, having

chaired the Stewardship and Sustainable Agriculture Committee from 2003 through 2007. Efforts with CropLife America include development and implementation of an inspection program for bulk pesticide facilities in the U.S., and promoting pesticide stewardship and the sustainability of modern farming. For the 2011 annual conference of the Weed Science Society of America, Dr. Forney was selected to receive the society's "Outstanding Industry" award.

RICHARD KEIGWIN

Rick Keigwin is the Deputy Director for Programs within EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs and is currently serving as the Acting Office Director. Rick joined EPA in 1990, beginning his career in what is now the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics. Over the course of the past 20 years, Rick has also held leadership positions in the Pesticide Re-evaluation Division, the Biological and Economic Analysis Division, and the Registration Division.

STEVEN DWINELL

Steven Dwinell was appointed Director of the Office of Agricultural Water Policy in the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in 2016. Steve began working with the Department in 1992 in the pesticide regulatory program, worked in the environmental consulting industry from 1994 to 1997 and then returned to the Department as Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control. From 2000 to 2016, he served as Assistant Director of the Division of Agricultural Environmental Services. He is a past president of ASPCRO, and is co-chair of the Managed Pollinator Protection Plan Committee for AAPCO.

Steve has a Masters in Agricultural Entomology from the University of Florida, and began his career as an Agricultural Extension Agent in Hamilton County, Florida.

THOMAS GRAY

Tommy Gray grew up on a small farm in northwest Georgia. In 1984, he graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Economics.

Tommy began his career with the Georgia Department of Agriculture in March of 1989. From 1991 until 2013

he was in charge of Georgia's Pesticide Program. His responsibilities included certification and training of pesticide applicators, use enforcement, product registration, Section 18 and 24c registrations, implementing the Worker Protection Standard and coordinating Georgia's waste pesticide collection program.

In June of 2013, Tommy was named Director of Plant Industry. In this position he oversees the Agricultural Inputs Section, Plant Protection Section and the Structural Pest Control Section.

TY WITTEN

Dr. Ty Witten is currently the North America Crop Protection Systems Lead for the Technology Development & Agronomy organization, in St. Louis, which encompasses Monsanto's developmental and commercial crop protection technologies. Most recently he served as the Cotton, Soybean, & Specialty Crop Systems Lead. Ty joined Monsanto in 2003 and has held numerous roles within Global Manufacturing, Technology Strategy, Biotechnology, and Global Regulatory groups during his tenure with the company. He is a native of Texas and was raised on a farm in the Texas High Plains. Ty received his Ph.D. in Crop Physiology at Texas A&M University.

WENDY CLELAND-HAMNETT

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett is the Acting Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP). Previously, she was the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for OCSPP and the Director of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, where she led EPA's chemical safety program under the Toxic Substances Control Act; numerous safer chemical and pollution prevention activities; efforts to manage risks from several legacy chemicals; and the Toxics Release Inventory Program. She is also responsible for EPA's pesticides program.

Ms. Cleland-Hamnett has worked in a number of EPA offices, including the Office of Environmental Information, the Office of Policy, and the Administrator's Office. She received her law degree from George Washington University.