AAPCO YEAR IN REVIEW
EPA’S REVISED WORKER PROTECTION STANDARDS

- MANY OF THE STATE LEAD AGENCIES (SLA’S) WERE CONCERNED WITH EPA’S IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE REVISED WORKER PROTECTION ACT.


- AAPCO WROTE A LETTER OF REQUEST TO THE OFFICE OF PESTICIDE PROGRAMS REQUESTING THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE BE MOVED BACK ON YEAR.

- OUR REQUEST WAS DENIED
EPA’S REVISED CERTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATORS RULE

• LIKE THE REVISED WORKER PROTECTION STANDARDS, MANY SLA’S WERE CONCERNED ABOUT EPA’S REVISED CERTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATOR’S RULE. A MAJOR CONCERN FOR THE STATES WAS THAT THEY WOULD LIKELY NEED TO REVISE THEIR STATE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS WHICH COULD TAKE SEVERAL YEARS.

• AAPCO FORMED A C&T WORK GROUP THAT WORKED THROUGHOUT THE RULE DEVELOPMENT. MANY STATES WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DISPARITY FOUND IN THE ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT AND WHAT THE COSTS WOULD BE TO STATE LEAD AGENCIES

• THE FINAL RULE THAT WAS PUBLISHED INCLUDED A NUMBER OF CHANGES THAT MOST STATES APPEAR TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT.
MEDICAL & RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA

• MANY STATES HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH ISSUES RELATED TO EITHER MEDICAL AND OR RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA. INCLUDING WHAT IF ANY PESTICIDE PRODUCTS CAN BE USED IN THE PRODUCTION OF MARIJUANA.

• A NUMBER OF STATES HAVE ALLOWED THE USE OF CERTAIN PESTICIDES WHILE A FEW STATES DO NOT ALLOW THE USE OF ANY PESTICIDES IN THE PRODUCTION OF MARIJUANA.
POLLINATOR PROTECTION

• OVER THE LAST YEAR OR TWO MANY STATE LEAD AGENCIES HAVE BEEN BUSY WORKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP THEIR STATE POLLINATOR PROTECTION PLANS.

• IN ADDITION, EPA HAS BEEN WORKING ON RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NEONICOTINOIDS. AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE REGARDING POLLINATOR PROTECTION ON PESTICIDE PRODUCT LABELS.
FUTURE DIRECTION OF AAPCO?
2007 SURVEY RESULTS
QUESTIONS ASKED

• Are AAPCO’s Mission Statement and Structure reflective of the organization?
• Is AAPCO serving its members’ needs?
• Are AAPCO/SFIREG meetings effective?
• Is AAPCO relating and communicating with EPA and other organizations effectively?
• Ideas for future meetings?
Are AAPCO’s Mission Statement and structure reflective of the organization?

- Is Mission Statement too long?
- Structural change by adding Board term limits and prohibit Board members from same EPA Region?
- Strike references to “twice per year” meetings?
Are AAPCO’s Mission Statement and structure reflective of the organization

• Are Conference presentations assisting states in looking ahead to issues on the horizon – should we incorporate language into the Mission Statement to this effect?

• Mission statement on lobbying for Congressional changes, e.g. funding; and a statement on working effectively with other organizations, e.g. ECOS, NASDA, etc.?

• Structural change – develop ad hoc committees to replace standing committees?
Are AAPCO’s Mission Statement and structure reflective of the organization? Comments Received

• General response was yes. “States indicated they would miss AAPCO if it stopped its functions.”
• One dissent – Nomination process for AAPCO officers and SFIREG WCs is not fair and not representative.
• Internet Access to state regulations – should be organized into functional areas.
• AAPCO should focus on big issues – organized into functional areas.
• Keep strong liaisons with lab, education, industry and other associations.
Are AAPCO/SFIREG Meetings Effective

• General response – yes.
• Strong support for smaller, more interactive break-out sessions.
• AAPCO agenda has become predictable and issues are often the dates.
• Create a multi-stakeholder meeting planning committee with the charge of “livening up” the program.
Are AAPCO/SFIREG Meetings Effective

• Early in conference planning – identify 2 to 3 major topics, assign session managers, list goals of session, and invite the right speakers/participants.

• Sessions needed with potential of a work product that satisfies an identified need.

• Include intensive breakouts on a specific investigation/inspection enforcement topic
Are AAPCO/SFIREG Meetings Effective?

• Don’t beat a “dead horse.” Stay focused on live issues.
• Consider a more formal approach in responding to PPDC issues.
• Keep strong liaison with lab, education, industry and other associations.
Are AAPCO/SFIREG Meetings Effective

- In general – yes.
- SFIREG committees have stronger voice with EPA than AAPCO – due to meeting formats.
- AAPCO could serve a larger role in ESA discussions and roll out of “consultations” between the agencies.
- Need to focus limited resources on important issues.
- Use Pesticide Regulators Forum to help identify state issues of mutual concern.
Ideas for future meetings?

• Attract politicians or their staffers to the meetings. Sessions on how other organizations lobby Congress and conduct their meetings.

• Always include upper management of EPA.

• Break-out sessions on hot topics with a chairperson reporting back to the general session group.
Ideas for future meetings continued?

• A few suggestions for topics
  – Endangered Species Act (ESA), live Bulletins demo
  – Label consistency issues
  – Lobby for increase funding
  – Investigation techniques (drift, etc.)
  – WPS Compliance
  – Workshops where states can tell industry reps what they need from industry
  – Section 18 workshop
Other Issues

• Travel Funds restricting attendance.
• Increased costs of meetings.
• Meeting locations.
• Dues and registration fees – need to increase?
THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE
...I'LL GO ALONG WITH THE CIA, AND THE IRS ... BUT I CAN'T SEE WHY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WOULD BE OUT TO GET YOU!