

Region 6 SFIREG Report submitted by Ryan Williams, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture

On May 3rd – 4th, 2017, Region 6 met in New Orleans, Louisiana for the Region 6 EPA/States/Tribe Spring meeting. In conjunction with this meeting a Pre-SFIREG meeting was held on May 4th. Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, the Cherokee Nation, and the Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council were represented at this meeting. Below are the topics of concern that Region 6 requested to be presented at the June 2017 SFIREG meeting.

Dicamba

- Most all states in R6 predict issues to arise with these tolerant crops and the chemicals applied.
 - Arkansas is having significant issues, complaints are up exponentially.
 - Oklahoma and Texas have seen some complaints but nothing outside the normal.

Kaput Feral Hog Bait

- All Region 6 states have concerns with this product.
 - Feeder construction, secondary kills, non-target kills, misuse, label language, disposal of carcasses, potential human consumption and the question of should it be a Restricted Use Pesticide are the main concerns.

Imports

- R6 receives 32% of all the US pesticide imports. EPA has put a new electronic system in place called “ACE” for import inspections.
 - This causes concern for many reasons; EPA will no longer be reviewing labels at the port being one of the biggest.
 - Imports will be done electronically through ACE, this program as described will only check applications for completeness not for accuracy. Not checking these products at the port will only mean that there will be more misbranded and unregistered products.
 - AS of the 1st of May Region 6 had already received over 10K import applications.

WPS/C&T

- States are pleased to see the delay in implementation. States are still continuing to inform the regulated community as well as train staff on new requirements.

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- What is the status?

Unwanted Pesticide Disposal

- Oklahoma, New Mexico & Arkansas have had or are planning disposals. Texas had some legislation to fund a disposal program but was vetoed by the Governor. Louisiana has plans for one but has not been able to get one in place.