Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC)

Committee Members include environmental and public interest groups, pesticide manufacturers, trade associations, commodity groups, public health and academic institutions, federal and state agencies, and the general public.

- Affords the opportunity to provide state lead agency perspective directly to EPA on related matters.
- Awareness of stakeholder perspective on related matters.

*Broadly representative federal advisory committee which meets with EPA biannually to discuss pesticide regulatory, policy, and program implementation issues.*
Meeting: November 1-2, 2017

Brief summary of select agenda items

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POLLINATOR PROTECTION PLAN: NATIONAL METRICS

- Metrics Workgroup – Recommendation to Full PPDC for National Metrics
- Proposal Utilizes Survey Instrument
- Outputs & Outcomes
- Aggregate Assessment
- Provides Flexibility

DICAMBA: MEASURING SUCCESS OF CHANGES

- What is and how do you monitor “success” of label amendments?
- Decisions – best available information

✓ PPDC Support
✓ More work to be done...
WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD

- Revised implementation date
  - Federal Register notice of change has not yet been completed
  - In interim, the compliance date remains in effect
- Any substantive changes to the rule would require rule making
- EPA seeking comments:
  - Minimum age requirement of 18
  - Designated representative
  - Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ)

Specifically,

- *What challenges do you anticipate with implementation?*
- *What alternatives would you propose to address concerns?*
**WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD**

- Minimum age requirement of 18
  - General consensus with existing exemptions
  - Challenges with existing labor pools

- Designated representative
  - Provision is similar to other industries and necessary for workers/handlers
  - Ag Industry concerns include ill intent from requests, for example, farmer to farmer
    - Verification of designation
    - Qualifications of representative
  - Final rule addresses requests
  - Recommend enlisting AAPCO to look at states with similar provisions and how this works operationally in those states
    - Effort has been initiated
WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD

- Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ)
  - Concerns
    - What if I don’t see the “bystander”? 
    - Sheltering in place for migrant and seasonal farmworkers – housing on property;
    - 100 ft. area is small - AEZ be greater;
    - How are requirements enforced if the application is not observed?
  - Follow-up discussion
    - AEZ depends on the type of application and droplet size not chemistry specific;
    - AEZ is additional precaution to ensure contact does not occur;
  - Conclusion
    - Additional guidance may be appropriate
    - Focus on outreach and education
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CERTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATORS PROPOSED RULE

- EPA seeking comments minimum age requirement of 18
  - General consensus with existing exemptions
  - Clarifications may be needed regarding family exemptions
- Family owned commercial businesses would like to see exemption
- Recognition of state regulatory processes

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUP

- New – first meeting 10/31/2017
- Broad mission includes policy, advice and recommendations
- Focus areas include communication, national emergency response plan, and resistance management
- Time limit of one year
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Other Topics

- Questions & Answers
  - Status of ESA Consultations
  - Status Update on Registration Review
  - Status Updates on Chlorpyrifos, Glyphosate and Neonicotinoids
  - Acute Animal Testing Alternatives
  - Resistance Management
  - Web-Distributed Labeling and Smart Labels
  - Cannabis Update

- PRIA
- Greater Than Additive (GTA) – formerly Pesticide Synergy
NEXT MEETING
May 2-3, 2018

Seeking input from AAPCO for any issues and items to be added to the agenda…