Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

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Full SFIREG – June 4-5, 2018
PPDC

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee... broadly representative federal advisory committee which meets with EPA biannually to discuss pesticide regulatory, policy, and program implementation issues.

- 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.
PPDC

• Meeting: May 2-3, 2018

• Brief summary of select agenda items

• Find the full agenda and presentation materials for this and all meetings including workgroup meetings

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Select Topics

• Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) Update
• Smart Label Project/e-CSF
• Endangered Species Act (ESA) Work
• Communication Plan on Resistance Management
• Update from the Public Health Workgroup
• Other items of interest:*  
  • Worker Protection Standard  
  • Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule

*Raised during meeting...not an agenda items
Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA)

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004
  - New system for registering pesticides (Section 33 FIFRA)
  - A registration service fee system for applications for specified pesticide registration, amended registration, and associated tolerance actions, which set maximum residue levels for food and feed

- PRIA (1, 2, 3…4 Pending)
  - Categories of registration applications
  - Fees/waivers
  - Maintenance fees/waivers
  - Grants (WPS, pesticide safety education, partnership grants)
  - IT enhancements

- PRIA 3 expiration date extended through the end of fiscal year 2018 by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018
  - Authority to collect maintenance fees at the level specified in PRIA 3
  - Authority to collect PRIA Registration Service fees at the FY'17 levels, continues through September 30, 2018
Other items of interest*

- Discussed at May 2018 Meeting
  - Worker Protection Standard
    - Application Exclusion Zone
    - Designated Representatives
    - Minimum Age Requirements
  - Certification of Pesticide Applicators
    - Minimum Age Requirements
- Belief that PRIA 4 is being “held hostage”
- Concerns regarding any rulemaking that may amend these provisions
- In general, support continues for requirements
  - Confusion regarding minimum age requirements
Communication Plan
Resistance Management

• Focus on herbicide resistance, however, recognition regarding it extends to other types of pesticides

• Developing a communication strategy designed to reach a variety of stakeholders
  • Issue requires communication across all groups
  • Provide a consistent message

• Objectives
  • Leverage combined resources and outreach capabilities of groups
  • Develop effective strategy to delay onset of weed resistance
Communication Plan
Resistance Management

• Each member of the target audience will receive a message tailored to their specific needs

• Methods of communication
  • Presentations
  • Training materials
  • Social Media
  • Seek assistance of organizations who regularly communicate with stakeholders
  • Ag News (EPA’s Ag Center)

• Target Audience
  • Crop consultants
  • Growers
  • Custom pesticide applicators
  • Regional soil conservation agencies
  • Pesticide registrants
  • Academic researchers
  • Agricultural extension agents
  • Other state and federal government agencies
  • Commodity groups (i.e., representatives of major crops such as corn, soybeans, etc.)

• Metrics
Communication Plan
Resistance Management

• Discussion Questions
  • What is an appropriate way to communicate with stakeholders?
  • How long should our message be?
  • What time of year is best to communicate with growers?
  • General feedback on the approach?
  • Do you have recommendations for how EPA can participate given its relatively limited authority?
  • Do you have recommendations for other stakeholders that should be included?
  • Are there other resources to tap that we have not considered?

• On behalf of AAPCO
  • Established mechanism for dissemination of information
    • State, Tribes and Territorial Regulatory Programs
    • Cooperative Extension/ Pesticide Safety Educators
    • Professional Associations including
      • AAPCO
      • NASDA
  • Flexibility to address specific pest issues in jurisdiction
  • Late fall/early spring to coincide with recertification courses
Report: Public Health Work Group

• Formed 2017

• Broad mission...focus on policy, advice, information and recommendations regarding pest management methods

• Refined activities and proposed “Pesticide Emergency Preparedness Action Plan”
  - OPP’s role during any emergency
  - Not limited to vector borne diseases

• Plan elements
  - EPA Roles & Responsibilities
  - Pesticides, IPM & Other Tools
  - Identifying & Engaging Stakeholders (Emergency Dependent)
  - Communication
  - Technology, Innovation & Science
    • Living Document

• Consensus of Full PPDC to move forward
NEXT MEETING:

October 31 – November 1, 2018

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