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# POINTS: REPORT & WHITE PAPER

SFIREG JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

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# POINTS - RECENT WORK BY EQI

- 11.2015 – EQI Chairman Kirk Cook issued White Paper
  - Identified needed improvements to POINTS
- 9.2017 – EQI Chairwoman Gretchen Paluch surveyed states on uses of POINTS
  - Identified primary uses of POINTS and most needed resources
- 4.2019 – EQI Member Laura Mensch creates draft White Paper on Future of POINTS and WQ Reporting
  - Addressing current lack of funding for POINTS



# 2015 EQI WHITE PAPER (KIRK COOK)

## Necessary Improvements:

- (1) Improve tracking of POI to POC justifications
- (2) Expand the ability to query the database and download data
- (3) Provide uniformity in the pesticide nomenclature used in the POI list
- (4) Revise and streamline the questions that populate POINTS in the data entry phase

# 2015 EQI WHITE PAPER (KIRK COOK)

## Recommended Improvements:

- (1) Establish a POINTS forum comprised of designated SLA contact persons for POINTS
- (2) Increase size limit for text boxes
- (3) Conduct regular training on use of POINTS
- (4) Allow entry of new information without loss of previously entered data



# 2017 EQI SURVEY (GRETCHEN PALUCH)

## Primary Uses of POINTS:

- (1) Reporting tool
- (2) Communication tool
- (3) Decision-making tool
- (4) Targeting POINTS POCs for resource investment
- (5) To monitor progress of state water quality programs
- (6) As a record of program activity

# 2019 EQI WHITE PAPER (LAURA MENSCH)

## Issues Identified:

- (1) POINTS is currently inadequately supported by EPA
  - No support for training state personnel
  - No technical support for POINTS
  - No funding to host, maintain or improve POINTS
- (2) No timeline or funds to bring POINTS in-house to EPA server
- (3) The loss of POINTS would be detrimental to states
- (4) Reporting on POINTS is a requirement in the EPA grant guidance
- (5) State needs a way to report water quality data to EPA



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## Ideas for Temporary Resolution:

- (1) Maintain POINTS on WSU server
- (2) Provide temporary state funding for POINTS
- (3) Host training resources on AAPCO website
- (4) Establish a plan to improve POINTS

# EQI WC REQUEST TO EPA

- That EPA:
  - Clarifies what is acceptable for water quality reporting
  - Clarifies its long-term plan for POINTS funding and water quality reporting