Region 1 New England
SFIREG Meeting Report
June 3-5, 2019

PreSFIREG Meeting
May 9, 2019
EPA Region 1 Lab
Chelmsford, MA

Attendance:
EPA: Andrea Szylvian
    Nancy Barmakian
    Beth Deabay
    Rob Koethe
    Kan Tham
Vermont: Linda Boccuzzo

Maine: Megan Patterson (via phone)
       John Pietroski (via phone)

New Hampshire: David Rousseau

Connecticut: Diane Jorsey

Rhode Island: Howard Cook

Massachusetts: Taryn LaScola-Miner

EPA DATA ANALYSIS OF STATE WORKPLANS, HELENE AMBROSINO, EPA HQ
Helene Ambrosino presented the way that EPA can break down the numbers that we report out for the End-of-Year Report.

INGREDIENT TRANSPARENCY, ANTHONY LAMANNO, NY
Anthony Lamanno provided an overview of the issues that California’s law and Walmarts’ new standard/requirements for labeling of pesticide products (including antimicrobial) have created. He explained that industry reached out to SFIREG and asked for assistance as these new requirements impact their ability to comply with FIFRA and will impact EPA and states in regards to updated labels.
C&T PREP REVIEW, ROB KOETHE, EPA 1
Rob Koethe led the discussion on an overview of the recent C&T PREP that was held. Of the Region 1 states, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine all attended. The general consensus was that the PREP was very informative and provided some clarification on the new C&T Rule.

MA hosted another C&T workgroup meeting which included the State Lead Agencies and the Pesticide State Education Program staff. The next action item is to look into an exam writing workshop for the workgroup.

STATE UPDATES

Marijuana/Hemp
• ME: In the process of determining how to handle pesticide use on medical marijuana. They are looking at the MA policy for some guidance.
• CT: Receiving complaints from disgruntled employees within the past year. They are also seeing some confusion amongst industry as they are using a list of “approved” pesticides that was not reviewed by the pesticide program.
• RI: Currently only have medical marijuana, but there are discussion about recreational marijuana for the state. Only 25b’s are currently allowed with few exceptions
• NH: Currently only medical marijuana is legal but there are proposals to legalize industrial hemp and recreational marijuana. Only 25b’s can be used on marijuana at this time.
• MA: Has been following up on numerous pesticide complaints.
• VT: New draft hemp rules to be published soon. Additional legislation (S.58) is currently pending Governor’s signature provides 3 new hemp positions in the Agency. An investigation from last fall, conducted by the Agency, has gotten a lot of news media recently

Pollinators
• RI: Pollinator workgroup is still working on a Pollinator Plan.
• VT: Working on developing Best Management Practices for treated seeds, , with UVM Extension
• NH: Pollinator Plan is in draft form

New Legislation/Requirements
• CT: Neonicotinoids are restricted use pesticides (per legislation last year). CT has been conducting marketplace inspections to ensure compliance. hey have seen an increase in Private Certification exams Mosquito misting systems are banned per legislation that was passed last year; There is pending legislation to ban Chlorpyrifos; Legislation has been proposed to ban pre-emtion.
• RI: Block Island tried to ban Glyphosate
• **VT:** Proposed legislation to make neonicotinoids restricted use (much like CT); this includes two new positions related to pollinator health and enforcement of the new restriction on products

• **NH:** Proposed legislation to restrict neonicotinoids

• **MA:** Proposed legislation to restrict/ban neonicotinoids, restrict/ban glyphosate, eliminate pre-emption and mandate that the Department develop a list of pesticides allowed to be used on marijuana.

**Mosquito/Tick Applications**

• **CT:** Lonestar tick is in CT and needs to be management of Lonestar will be different than any other treatment

• **NH:** Recently developed 25b category for treatment for mosquito and tick applications. Mosquito and Tick licenses and companies have doubled in past two years

• **MA:** Due to the increase in complaints and violations, a Mosquito Advisory will be issued to applicators putting them on notice of that.