STATE FIFRA RESEARCH & EVALUATION GROUP (SFIREG)
FULL COMMITTEE AGENDA
2777 South Crystal Drive, One Potomac Yards (South Building) PYS-4370/80
US EPA OFFICES, ARLINGTON, VA
June 3th & 4th, 2019

Monday, June 3th 2019

8:15 am **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements**
Liza Fleeson Trossbach, SFIREG Chair
Amy Sullivan, Executive Secretary

8:30 am **Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Report**
Report on status of relevant activities of OPP impacting state pesticide regulatory programs. [Yvette Hopkins, EPA/OPP/FEAD]

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) Report
Report on status of relevant activities of OECA impacting state pesticide regulatory programs. [Anthony Matusik, EPA/OECA/OC]

8:45 am **Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee Report**
Report on specific activities of POM Working Committee and pertinence to state pesticide regulatory program including presentation of the items from Working Committee requiring action by Full SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take action Day 2. [Tim Drake, SFIREG/POM Chair/Jeffrey Rogers, Incoming Chair]

1. Letter to EPA – Action Thresholds;
2. Letter to States/Tribes/Territories – Pass Through Insecticides; and
3. Survey to States – Regulation of Devices.

9:15 am **Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee Report**
Report on specific activities of EQI Working Committee and pertinence to state pesticide regulatory programs including presentation of the items from Working Committee requiring action by Full SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take action Day 2 [Gary Bahr, SFIREG/EQI Chair]

1. Issue Paper – *Cover Crop Issues and Plant-Back Restrictions; and*
2. White Paper – *Future of POINTS (Pesticides of Interest National Tracking System) and Water Quality Reporting.*

10:00 am **BREAK**

10:15 am **Dicamba - 2019 Growing Season**

- *Overview of SFIREG EPA Dicamba Ad Hoc Work Group and activities will be presented [Liza Fleeson Trossbach, SFIREG Chair]*
- *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share information regarding the implementation of the 2019 registration decision including:*
  - *Impacts on certification and training and other programs;*
  - *Current status complaints/cases;*
  - *Changing approaches to complaint investigations for 2019;*
  - *Amendments to Cooperative Agreements.*

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10:45 am **Amending Cooperative Agreements**
EPA will provide information regarding the opportunities for states and territories to amend current cooperative agreements and commitments given the increase in Dicamba related work and impacts on other programs including EPA expectations of grant recipients. [Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA/OC]

11:00 am **Federal Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule**
- *EPA will provide information regarding the EPA's Work Group, Guidance for Submission of Revised State Certification Plans, and outcomes of PREP Certification Course* [Anne Overstreet, EPA/OPP]
- *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share questions, comments and concerns regarding the implementation.* [All]

11:45 am **LUNCH**

1:00 pm **Pesticide Use on Hemp**
- *With the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, the agricultural production of Hemp is now allowed.*
  - *There are currently few EPA registered pesticides that list Hemp on the pesticide label. EPA will discuss its activities and status of products registered for use on Hemp including anticipated timeline for new registrations. Items of interest include:*
    - *Plans to categorize cannabis as a Food Commodity. This will assist SLAs in enforcing laws, including being able to embargo hemp, including seeds, vegetative matter, or processed commodities, treated with inappropriate pesticides.* [EPA]
    - *Plans to establish a RAC for cannabis, which would cover hemp seeds (protein and culinary oil); and also the CBDs extracted from vegetative matter?* [EPA]
- *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share information regarding current or planned state approaches to pesticide use on Hemp.*

1:30 pm **Pre-SFIREG/Regional Reports**
Regional SFIREG Representatives will provide a brief report (5-6 minutes) of key issues raised at their respective pre-SFIREG meetings including any requests for additional action by SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take action Day 2.

2:45 pm **AAPCO 25b Guidance Documents**
An overview of the Data Efficacy Guidance and Label Guidance for minimum risk pesticides will be provided including the impetus for development of the guidance, process, and critical guidance components.[Erica Millette and Sarah Caffery, Co-chairs, FIFRA 25(b) Work Group]

3:15 pm **BREAK**

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3:30 pm **Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Report**
Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Rose Kachadoorian, AAPCO President]

3:45 pm **Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) Report**
Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Irene King, ASPCRO Vice President]

4:00 pm **Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) Report**
Council activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Fred Corey, Chairperson, Aroostook Band of Micmacs]

4:15 pm **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)**
- *EPA UAV Work Group will provide information and update of the activities of the workgroup.* [EPA]
- *AAPCO Technology Work Group will provide information and update of the activities of the workgroup.* [Rose Kachadoorian, AAPCO President]

4:45 pm **Wrap of Day 1, Identification of Action Items**

5:00 pm **Adjourn**

Tuesday, June 4th 2019

8:15–am **Realignment of EPA Regional Offices**
- *EPA will provide an update on the Agency's activities and the status of this initiative.* [EPA/OPP/OECA]

8:45 am **Focused WPS Inspection Initiative**
- *EPA will provide an overview of focused WPS Inspection Initiative including goals, pilot project, and implementation timeline.* [Carol Galloway, EPA/OECA/OC]

9:15 am **Laboratory Directors Report**
Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Mike Stage, Laboratory Directors Liaison]

9:30 am **Association of American Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) Report**
Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Kim Pope Brown, President-Elect]

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9:45 am **Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) Report**
Committee activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Liza Fleeson Trossbach, AAPCO Representative]

10 am **BREAK**

10:15 am **Special Local Needs (24c)**

– *In response to announcement that EPA is now re-evaluating its approach to reviewing FIFRA Section 24(c) requests, and the circumstances under which it will exercise its authority to disapprove those requests, Full SFIREG will have a general discussion including comments and concerns regarding the announcement and implications for pesticide regulatory programs.* [All]

10:45 **Full SFIREG Consideration of Issue & White Papers and Action**

Issue Paper – Cover Crop Issues and Plant-Back Restrictions. *Consideration of Issue Paper and action* [Gary Bahr, EQI Chair]

White Paper – Future of POINTS (Pesticides of Interest National Tracking System) and Water Quality Reporting. *Consideration of White Paper and action* [Gary Bahr, EQI Chair]

Letter to EPA – [Reference Issue Paper – Region 8 (CO) *Pesticide Use on Cannabis – State Established Pesticide Residue Action Levels;* December 2017]. *Consideration of the letter drafted by POM on behalf of Full SFIREG to EPA regarding the establishment of pesticide residue levels for any new crop use.* [Tim Drake, POM Chair]

Letter to States/Tribes/Territories – Pass Through Insecticides. *Consideration of the letter drafted by POM on behalf of Full SFIREG to EPA regarding use of a registered pesticide in animal feed.* [Tim Drake, POM Chair]

Survey to States – Regulation of Devices. *Full SFIREG will consider the questions drafted by POM in support of EPA's Devices Work Group*. [Tim Drake, POM Chair]

11:45 am **Wrap of Day 2, Identification of Action Items**

12:00 pm **Adjourn**

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