STATE FIFRA RESEARCH & EVALUATION GROUP (SFIREG)
FULL COMMITTEE AGENDA
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SFIREG Agenda **FINAL DRAFT**

Monday, December 6, 2021 @ 8:15 AM (Eastern)

8:15 am **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements**
Gary Bahr, SFIREG Chair
Pat Jones, AAPCO President
Amy Sullivan, Executive Secretary
Zach Gihorski, NASDA
Michal Freedhoff, EPA, OCSPP Assistant Administrator [EPA OCSPP]

8:45 am **Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Agency Update, Structure, Priorities, and Future Work Presentation**
Report on OPP structure, priorities, and future work of OPP and work and impacts to state pesticide regulatory programs. [Ed Messina, EPA/OPP]

9:15 am **Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Report**
Report on status of relevant activities of OPP impacting state pesticide regulatory programs including the current status of items such as white papers and general issues forwarded to EPA. These issues include the Cover Crop and Managed Pollinator papers, and Bear Spray Canister regulatory topics. [Yvette Hopkins and Emily Ryan, EPA/OPS/OMS]

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

EPA Region Report
Report on status of relevant activities of Regional Offices impacting state pesticide regulatory programs. [Courtenay Hoernemann, EPA/R3/LCRD]

9:45 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 items from Working Committee requiring action by Full SFIREG. SFIREG will

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consider and take any actions later today. [Amy Brown, SFIREG/POM Chair]

Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee Report
Report on specific activities of EQI Working Committee and pertinence to state pesticide regulatory programs including presentation of items from Working Committee requiring action by Full SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take any actions later today. [Hotze Wijnja, SFIREG/EQI Chair]

10:15 am **Break**

10:30 am **Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Report**
Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Pat Jones, AAPCO President]

10:45 am **Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) Report**
Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Ryan Okey, ASPCRO President]

11:00 am **Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) Report**
Council activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes, TPPC Liaison & Acting Chairperson, and Mark Daniel, NAU, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)]

11:15 am **Association of American Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) Report**
Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Faye Golden, AAPSE]

11:30 am **Certification & Training Assessment Group (CTAG)**
CTAG group leaders will provide the activity report. [Linda Johns, University of Minnesota]

11:45 am **Laboratory Directors Report**

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Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Eric Petty (CO), Laboratory Directors Liaison]

12:00 noon **Lunch (1 hour, 15 minutes)**

1:15 pm **Discussion on the Potential Regulatory Changes for Chlorine Gas Products**
OPP is considering changes to the regulation of Chlorine Gas Products as a pesticide.

1:30 pm **Presentation about the Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science in Agriculture (CERSA)**
CERSA collaborates with state and federal agencies, private industry, commodity groups, growers and producers, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and academics to advance regulatory science in agriculture through education, research and engagement. [Kevin Armbrust, LSU and Denesha Seth Carley, NCSU]

2:00 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 this afternoon. Discussion and Summary of information provided.

3:00 pm **Break**

3:15 pm **Pre-SFIREG/Regional Reports, continued.**

4:30 pm **Full SFIREG Consideration of Issue & White Papers and Actions Identification of Action Items**

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4:45 pm **Adjourn**

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Tuesday, December 7, 2021 @ 8:15 AM (Eastern)

8:15 am **Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Discussion of 2021 SFIREG/JWC topics and work priorities**
Gary Bahr, SFIREG Chair

8:30 am **PFAS and Pesticide Products**

- *EPA OPP will discuss PFAS and pesticide products, including collaborations with states, recent release of data on specific pesticide products, and recent release of a method for testing for PFAS in oily substances, and status of additional testing efforts.* [EPA Kimberly Nesci, EPA/OPP/BEAD, SFIREG Representatives]
- *EPA OCSPP will discuss PFAS Council release and how it relates to pesticide products* [EPA Jeff Dawson, EPA/OCSPP]

9:00 am **Dicamba – Registration Decision update**

- *EPA OPP will discuss Dicamba Registration Decision, Labels, and the 2021 growing season activities. EPA will discuss additional work and steps taken to collect scientific information and data through the 2021 growing season related to label changes, including: labeled rates, cut off dates, downwind buffers, ESA topics, pH buffering agents, wind speed, inversion and weather topics, sprayer speeds, applicator training, 9th Circuit Court decisions and processes, and other topics. Discussion of the use of 24(c) and 24(a) registration processes.* [Meg Hathaway, EPA/OPP/RD]
- *State Lead Agency and Weed Science Society Panel (TBD) will discuss key 2021 cases, drift issues, research findings, and provide summaries.*
- *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share information regarding the 2021 use season, analysis and impression of the 2021 labels, cases and state activities and concerns from 2021, plans for 24(c) registrations and questions for EPA.* [SFIREG Representatives]

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9:30 am **Special Local Needs (24c) Registration Issues**

- *EPA OPP will discuss the next steps to allow states to utilize FIFRA Section 24(c) requests, to reverse the two year elimination to approve state Section 24(c) requests and to allow states to exercise authority either restrict or expand uses. Full SFIREG will have a general discussion including comments and concerns regarding the EPA's policies and implications for pesticide regulatory programs.* [SFIREG All, Eric Bohnenblust EPA/OPP/RD]

9:45 am **Chlorpyrifos Discussion**

- *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share issues related to implementation of the Chlorpyrifos registration/tolerance cancellation, next steps, and ongoing questions to EPA from SFIREG and the JWC.*

10:00 am **Break**

10:15 am **Revised State Certification Plans and EPA Approval Process**

- *EPA OPP and Regional Office Leads will provide an update on Certification Plans [Matt Lloyd, EPA/OPP/PRD and Regional Staff]*
- *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share experience; issues with submission; concerns/questions regarding process, etc.* [All]
- *State Lead Agency C&T and Leadership can provide input.* [All]

10:45 am **USDA Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP) presentation related to USDA OPMP pesticide programs, policy, work with EPA, other Federal Agencies such as FDA, and States**

- *The Acting Director and staff will provide a presentation on the USDA OPMP policy and science work that is conducted with EPA OPP on registration of new active ingredients and pesticide registration review, work with commodity and growers, and work with SLAs and SFIREG. There is potential the new Director would be introduced also.* [Julie Chao, Acting Director, potentially the new Director, and Clayton Myer, PhD, USDA OPMP]

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– *Regional SFIREG Representatives can ask questions, share experiences and work, and potential future collaboration with USDA* OPMP.

11:15 am **National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) Services and Noteworthy Incident Cases**

– *NPIC Project Coordinator will provide a presentation on NPIC Services and Processes for how pesticide calls and cases are assessed, processed, and potential for future procedures with SLAs and EPA.* [Amy Cross, NPIC, Oregon State University]

11:45 noon **Neonicotinoid Treated Seed Issues**

- *State Lead Agencies will discuss Issues with Neonicotinoid Treated Seeds, Topics that have been come up, status of treated seed management and regulation.* [SFIREG Representatives]

12:00 noon **Full SFIREG Consideration of Issue & White Papers and Actions**

Identification of Action Items

12:30 pm **Adjourn**