

SFIREG Update

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PESTICIDE SAFETY EDUCATORS MEETING, BUFFALO, NY

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Gary Bahr, Washington State Department Of Agriculture
SFIREG Chair

State

This permanent committee was created by Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) when FIFRA was amended to provide States with Primacy for FIFRA Implementation, Use, and Enforcement (1978).

FIFRA

Issues

Research and

Evaluation

Group

- SFIREG is composed of Representatives from each of the EPA regions.
- The 10 Regional Representatives form Full SFIREG.
- The SFIREG Representative is responsible for communicating with the states in the region and bringing regional issues to Full SFIREG.
- All States and Territories are represented at Full SFIREG through their Regional Representatives.
- Pre-SFIREG Meetings held in the Regions provide the opportunity for State, Territories, and Tribes to discuss issues which are communicated to Full SFIREG by their Representative.

SFIREG'S ROLE

SFIREG provides a means for the States to communicate directly to EPA and enables States to play a meaningful role in the development of pesticide policies and regulations.

SFIREG is where the States/Territories can bring issues to the table to discuss with one another. If an issue is then considered to have widespread significance and EPA's assistance is needed to resolve the issue, SFIREG develops possible solutions and asks to either discuss the issue further or seeks resolution from EPA.

Full SFIREG

Next meeting, in person - Dec 5-6 2022 Arlington, VA (tentative)

<https://aapco.org/2015/07/30/sfireg-3>

- Acts as States and Territories decision making body for issues forwarded to EPA;
- Provides information to States and Territories on EPA activities and programs;
- Meets bi-annually;
- Chair is appointed by AAPCO President;
- Meetings are co-sponsored by EPA;
- Utilizes Working Committees;
- Members: NH, NY, VA, SC, MN, MO, OK, MT, NV, AK
- Bob Blankenburg, AK DEC – R10 Representative

-SFIREG Working Committees-

Engaging in In-Depth Discussions and Approaches to Resolving Issues

<https://aapco.org/2015/07/29/working-committees/>

Pesticide Operations and Management

- Focus on Operational and managerial aspects of implementation of pesticide programs, for example,
 - Registration
 - Certification and Training
 - Enforcement
 - WPS
- 10 Representatives in addition to Chair (*Amy Brown, FL*)

Environmental Quality Issues

- Focus on Technical aspects of the implementation of pesticide programs, for example,
 - Water Quality
 - Risk Assessment
 - Technical Standards
 - Pesticide Disposal
- 10 Representatives in addition to Chair (*Hotze Wijnja, MA*)

Working Committees Report to Full SFIREG. Their primary function is to research and develop issues..

SFIREG Working Committees

Geographical representation is a secondary consideration for the Working Committees...

Committee members are chosen for:

- Technical Expertise
- Problem Solving Capacity
- Specific Skill Sets

Nominations

- Reviewed by Working Committee Chairs
- Members selected in consultation with the AAPCO President, SFIREG Chair and OPP Liaison

AAPCO/SFIREG Leadership

2022 AAPCO Board of Directors

- Liza Fleeson Trossbach, VA, President
- Pat Jones, NC, Past President
- Megan Patterson, ME, President Elect
- Gretchen Paluch, IA
- Kelly Friend, FL
- Vacant Position

Full SFIREG Chair – Gary Bahr, WA

EQI Chair – Hotze Wijnja, MA

POM Chair – Amy Brown, FL

PARTNERS, AFFILIATES, ADJUNCTS

- Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC)
- Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO)
- American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE)
- Certification & Training Assessment Group (CTAG)
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
- State Laboratory Directors
- EPA OCSPP, OPP, Regions, & OECA,
- In spring 2020, AAPCO/SFIREG started monthly conference calls with EPA & OECA
- Certification Assessment Training Group (CTAG)
- *Other Interested Parties*
 - Weed Science Society of American (WSSA)
 - USDA Office Pest Management Policy (OPMP)
 - The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA)
 - National Pest Management Association (NPMA)
 - CropLife, Registrants, other Industry Groups
 - RISE

Presenting Issues to Full SFIREG

White Paper

Informs Full SFIREG about a complex issue;

Presents Regions thoughts on the matter;

Meant to assist Full SFIREG to understand an issue, solve a problem, or make a decision;

Full SFIREG will determine action.

Issue Paper

Document significant issues of national concern;

Require action on the part of EPA to resolve concerns;

Specific, agreed upon format and process:

- Requires response from EPA

Full SFIREG will determine action.

Full SFIREG – Issue Topics & Actions

- Identify as national issue and forward to EPA
 - Determine issue and solutions
 - Research and input from SFIREG members and JWC
 - Return to SFIREG regional member and JWC for additional refinement
 - If the topic is significant, then it becomes an issue paper with suggested actions and timelines for communicating to EPA
- *Recent Issue Topics:*
 - *Treated Articles, Treated Seeds (2020-2022)*
 - *Managed Pollinator (2020-2021)*
 - *Pesticide Devices in Health Care Facilities (2019 to 2020)*
 - *Cover Crops and Plant Back issues with Herbicide Carryover (2018-2021)*

Full SFIREG and Joint Working Committee

Recent Items of Interest

- Dicamba registrations and regulation,
- 24(c) and 25(a) EPA and state registration processes,
- COVID-19 EPA response and registrations, disinfectants,
- Regulation of Devices, products such as disinfectants, making health claims,
- PFAS/PFOS in containers, pesticide products, environment, human health,
- Pollinators and managed pollinator use of pesticides,
- Pesticide herbicides, composted material, EPA assessing Ecological Risks Posed by four Pyridines and Pyrimidines herbicides, PID for picloram and interim decisions for clopyralid, dithiopyr and triclopyr,
- Cancellation of Food and Feed uses of Chlorpyrifos,
- New EPA notice for comments, Petition to Ban all OPs,
- Specific use of pesticides in animal feed for the control of immature and/or adult insects or other pests in manure,
- EPA's proposed pyrethroid label language,
- Bear Spray Regulatory Issues (R8 topic),
- Preemption topics for State pesticide regulation,

Full SFIREG and Joint Working Committee

Recent Items of Interest

- Paraquat topics, regulation, education,
- Pentachlorophenol other wood treatment products, EPA 2021 PID for cancellation and regulation,
- Cover Crop Issues and Plant-Back Restrictions to EPA,
- Section 24(c) registrations on cannabis, including hemp,
- Pesticide Impurities in EPA Registered Pesticides,
- Pesticide herbicides, composted material; EPA assessing Ecological Risks Posed by four Pyridines and Pyrimidines herbicides, PID for picloram and interim decisions for clopyralid, dithiopyr and triclopyr,
- Cooperative Agreement Guidance, OECA Agreement Guidance, comments, FY2022 – 2025,
- Treated Articles and Treated Seeds,
- Anticoagulant rodenticides regulation,
- Pet collar, flea and tick treatment products,
- Structural fumigation regulations, and training,
- State, Territory, and Tribal Certification and Training Plan approvals by EPA,
 - Increased coordination with Pesticide Safety Educators to implement the C&T Plans,
- Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and Applicator Exclusion Zone (AEZ), new rule making,
- Chlorine Gas may become Restricted Use after PID and ID. Potential new applicators to train.
- Enlist type products registered in early 2022, education on mitigation statements,

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Recent Items of Interest

- Reregistration review of pesticides, EPA 15 year schedule, PIDs, Final IDs,
- Atrazine mitigation measures, watersheds,
- Biological Evaluations (BEs), and Biological Opinions (BiOps), EPA, NOAA Fisheries,
 - NOAA BiOps for Chlorpyrifos, Diazinon, and Malathion came out in 2017,
 - EPA BEs & BiOps for Atrazine, Simazine, Propazine, Carbaryl, Methomyl, Glyphosate,
 - EPA assesses Risk for National Level Listed Species while conducting Biological Evaluations of Conventional Pesticides,
 - New EPA Pesticide ESA Workplan and Pilot Projects. Refer to the EPA ESA page and plan <https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species/epas-workplan-and-progress-toward-better-protections-endangered-species>
- EPA expects to approve amended labels and develop Endangered Species Protection Bulletins for Bulletins Live! Two, 18 months after final BiOp issuance or other regulatory decision,
- Agreed-upon mitigation measures are intended to reduce runoff and spray drift from treated areas,
- Once these measures are incorporated into product labels, pesticide users must follow them,
- Mitigation measures can include check lists and scoring systems on labels,
- Measures that are only applicable near a species habitat will be implemented via Bulletins Live! Two, an online system that describes geographically specific pesticide use limitations to protect listed species and their designated critical habitats,
- Link to Bulletins Live! Two will be on the product labels,
- Considerable amount of new training would be needed.

Moving forward on the issues

- JWC Meeting September 19-21, Providence, RI
- SFIREG Meeting, December 5-6, Likely Arlington, VA

Are there opportunities to collaborate on these or other issues?

Example....One Voice vs Many Voices

We look forward to our future collaboration.

Additional Information

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SFIREG & JWC

Meeting Information

Current Members

Roles and Responsibilities



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