

Pesticide Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes
Gordon Guyer Conference Room
Geagley Laboratory, 1615 S. Harrison Road
East Lansing, Michigan
January 16, 2009

Present: Brian Rowe (MDA), Brian Verhougstraete (MDA), Russell Ives (MPCA), William Weil (MSU), Carolyn Randall (MSU), Bruce Walker (MDEQ), Michael Schiffer (MAAA), Martha Stanbury (MDCH)

Carolyn Randall provided an update of MSU pesticide education activities, including:

- Progress continues with the translation of the national core from English to Spanish.
- Carolyn worked with Mel Poplar (MDA) to develop a pocket guide for food safety inspectors for pest identification.
- Seven comprehensive core training sessions were held in the first quarter of fiscal year 2009. A copy of the MOU between MSU and seminar host associations was provided.
- MSU in cooperation with the MAAA hosted the Operation SAFE classroom training for aerial applicators was held on October 15-16, 2008 in Battle Creek, MI.
- MSU held a pesticide education In-Service training for county extension agents at the MSU pavilion on November 5, 2008.

Martha Stanbury shared information from the MDCH quarterly report. She described in detail one case where a dog ate some zinc phosphide. The veterinarian treating the dog induced vomiting, which released a gas into the treatment area affecting 4 persons in the veterinarian office.

Brian Rowe provided details on a recent 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that may affect the legal application of pesticides to water to control aquatic pests. This ruling found that in some situations the legal application may also require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit required under the Clean Water Act (CWA). EPA is working on a solution to the conflict between CWA and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act created by the court ruling.

Brian Rowe also handed out the quarterly report on pesticide misuse investigations. He also reported that MDA will be working with MDCH in a new workgroup discussing issues associated with bed bug infestations.

Brian Verhougstraete updated the committee on his review of quaternary ammonium pesticide labels. Findings included:

- Most labels allow for use on hard non-porous surfaces with few limitations.
- Bacteriostats are labeled for use in humidifiers
- EPA's reregistration eligibility decision for these compounds (August 2006) did include some concern over human inhalation exposure.

Next Meeting April 17, 2009.