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**Rodenticide Committee**  
2013 ASPCRO Annual Board Meeting Report  
August 17, 2013

The ASPCRO Rodenticide Committee submits the following report for the 2013 Annual Board meeting:

The committee primarily ‘met’ through email during the time since the mid-year conference.

**Finalized the Rodenticide Risk Mitigation Decision (RMD) reference sheet:**

The committee finalized the reference sheet primarily for utilization by regulators, but is also meant as useful tool for others of concern. It is meant to provide an overview and clarification to the RMD changes. The RMD reference sheet was emailed on May 3, 2013 to [members-aspcro-bounces@aspcro.org](mailto:members-aspcro-bounces@aspcro.org) on behalf of Johns, Linda [LJohns@mt.gov] The RMD final sheet is attached.

The committee had several email discussions from April 16 to May 21 about language for state specific rules and conforming vs. non-conforming language with relationships to specific companies.

I received one concern on language from John Hebert, EPA after the final reference sheet was distributed:

“Thank you for letting us know about the Fact Sheet. I think it will be helpful for anyone that has questions about the RMD but I do have one comment on the language. For the description of Tier IV bait stations, it might be confusing to use the word "resistant" when describing them. As you know, these stations are neither child nor dog resistant. A better descriptor might be something taken directly from the Tier IV self-certification statement Table 2 (page 32) of the RMD. For example, "(station) not easily crushed/opened by children <6 years old, etc."

Tier IV section of the following website states “resistant to opening by a child less than six years old” <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/rodenticides/finalriskdecision.htm>

Statement from RMD for the Ten Rodenticides (May 28, 2008):

“The bait station is made of a material of sufficient rigidity such that the station is not easily crushed or opened by children < 6 years old, not easily chewed by rats/mice, and not reasonably anticipated to release rodenticide bait except for bait removed by target rodents and minor quantities of crumbs created by target rodents.”

### **PMP Survey on Rodenticide Use:**

The survey got published in April/May, 2013 in the Pest Management Professional magazine. The ASPCRO/NPMA Rodenticide Use Survey of Pest Management Professionals is attached. The committee developed a survey to obtain information which could provide real world PMP use data for state regulators, EPA and NPMA to consider prior to deliberation of future label or use revisions. The survey monkey was utilized in October by state PMP associations nationwide with approximately 300 PMP's responding. The summary of the survey is available on the ASPCRO website and was provided to the EPA.

### **What's New?**

Received email from John Dalley about a California LA County website that recommended cutting plastic bottles (milk jugs) for possible uses as rodenticide bait stations. A PCO servicing some properties was passing out the following brochure from the LA county health department: [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/Specialized/Vector\\_Management/attractRatsMice.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/Specialized/Vector_Management/attractRatsMice.pdf)

Michael Walkvogel, PhD, North Carolina State University asked PCO to stop distributing the pamphlet and asked me to contact ASPCRO counterpart in CA to review the publications with the LA county.

### **Non-Commensal Rodent Species:**

Issue is ongoing. Further discussion will be completed by the committee.

### **Al, Mg and Zn Phosphide products:**

Issue is ongoing. Further discussion will be completed by the committee.

### **From Bonnie Rabe at mid-year meeting:**

As co-chair, I am respectfully requesting the President to select and appoint another co-chair to continue any further efforts and address any future issues related to rodenticides. I have enjoyed working with the committee members and appreciate assistance they provided and the opportunity provided to be co-chair. While major goals have been accomplished by the committee, I suggest continued efforts on outreach and best management practice development, identification of data needs, maintaining awareness of the current cancellation process for non RMD compliant products, and further assistance in label language clarification where needed.

**New Appointed Chair:**

From Linda Johns:

John Scott announced Linda Johns as the new appointed chair April 15, 2013 via the ASPCRO listserv. John Scott is still co-chair.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Johns".

Linda Johns, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Scott".

John Scott, Co-Chair and ASPCRO Vice President