



Structural Fumigation Committee Report August 10, 2016

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The ASPCRO Structural Fumigation committee submits the following report for the 2016 Board of Directors annual meeting.

The purpose of the ASPCRO Structural Fumigation Committee was established in 2014 to be a resource for US EPA as the non-soil fumigants go through registration review. The committee will maintain open communication and dialogue with other associations to most efficiently and effectively coordinate and collaborate on committee work.

Activities

PR/USVI Fumigation Workshop

In response to incidents in the US Virgin Island and Puerto Rico, Steve Dwinell (FDACS) initiated discussions with ASPCRO, NPMA, and US EPA proposing a structural fumigation workshop for applicators in these territories. A workgroup was created and Derrick Lastinger represented ASPCRO on the workgroup. The workshop took several months of planning and collaboration between ASPCRO, NPMA, EPA Region 2, Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, University of the Virgin Islands, USVI Department of Planning and Natural Resources, fumigant registrants, distributors, Puerto Rico Pest Control Association.

In December, ASPCRO and NPMA co-presented the Structural Fumigation Safety and Compliance Workshops in San Juan, PR and St. Croix, USVI with a live interactive broadcast with applicators in St. Thomas. The program was attended by over 100 applicators. The two day-and-half long workshops provided fumigators with more than 12 hours of refresher training focusing on topics including the review of the methyl bromide, sulfuryl fluoride and metal phosphide labels, hands-on label interpretation exercises, basic pest

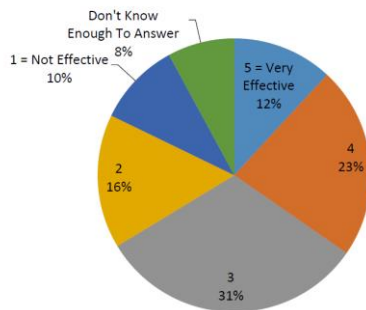
identification and biology reviews, personal protective equipment, IPM and alternatives to fumigation, safety considerations as well as federal and local fumigation regulatory requirements.

Sponsorship and technical expertise was provided by NPMA, ASCPCRO, Degesch America, Douglas Products, Methyl Bromide Industry Panel and Superior Angram.

NPMA Survey

In February, NPMA reached out to ASCPCRO regarding a survey that they were developing to learn more about stakeholder ideas and opinions regarding the stewardship of fumigants. ASCPCRO was given an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft questionnaire. ASCPCRO provided feedback and also assisted with sending the survey out to stakeholders. The following response was provided by NPMA.

From your perspective, how Effective have state regulators been in regulating the structural fumigation industry?



NPMA Legislative Day

A session titled, “Structural Fumigation: Where are we now and what does the future hold?” was one of two regulatory sessions at the NPMA Legislative Day in Washington, DC on March 14th. Derrick Lastinger presented ASCPCRO activities during the session.

Western Pest Management Tour – Albuquerque, NM

A workshop was conducted by NMDA, ASCPCRO, NPMA, NASDA and USDA WS on April 4-8th to provide an overview and training on western rodent issues. Sessions focused on management tools and procedures for Aluminum and Magnesium Phosphides, Endangered Species Consultations and urban burrowing rodents.

Meetings

The committee met on April 18th at in Burlington, Vermont during the ASCPCRO mid-year meeting. The committee discussed the importance of coordinating and collaborating with other organizations and amended the committee’s mission statement. The recent NPMA survey and stewardship strategy was reviewed and discussed. A proposed SLA survey focused on structural fumigation was discussed including a request from U.S. EPA to survey SLAs on methyl bromide specific regulations. The committee agreed to move forward

with a survey and to include a question regarding SLA training needs for compliance staff.

ASPCRO Survey

In response a request from U.S. EPA regarding state specific requirements for the storage of methyl bromide and activities related to the regulation of fumigation, ASPCRO developed a survey for state, tribal and territorial pesticide regulatory programs. The survey collected information to better identify current requirements, policies and activities related to structural fumigation. The survey was submitted to SLAs by email on July 14th and responses were received through August 5th. 40 responses were received and a summary of the survey results will be presented at the August 22nd committee meeting and the structural fumigation session at the annual conference.

Future activities

The committee plans to have a meeting on August 22, 2016 at 3:30 P.M. at the Annual Conference in New Mexico and will discuss the following items:

1. ASPCRO Survey Results
2. Where's EPA with Phase 3 project on MB
3. EPA/USDA PPQ
4. NPMA Stewardship Strategy

A fumigation session is included on the annual conference agenda. The committee activities including the survey results will be presented.

ASPCRO and NPMA are planning a Structural Fumigation workshop for the US EPA scientists involved in the re-registration and re-evaluation of the non-soil fumigants for spring 2017. The three day workshop agenda is being developed and the location is to be determined. ASPCRO plans to partner with the SLA to host the workshop.

Respectfully submitted,



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