



Structural Fumigation Committee Report August 18, 2020

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The ASPCRO Structural Fumigation committee submits the following report for the 2020 Board of Directors annual board 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

Membership

The committee webpage was updated and no changes in membership since the mid-year meeting.

Meetings

On March 30, 2020, the committee met by teleconference before the mid-year board meeting. The following committee members were present at the meeting: John Scott (CO), Kelly Friend (FL), Bonnie Rabe (Rollins), Ken Kendall (Ensystem), Jim Fredericks (NPMA), Michael Kelly (TX), Allen Fugler (Capitol Risk), Ryan Okey (SC), Rick Bell (Arrow Exterminators), Jesse Cuevas (CA) Tim McPherson, (Douglas Products), Cindy Fulton (WY), Chuck Tindol (Rentokil), Dale Dubberly (Ensystem)
Mike Page (ASPCRO), Liza Fleeson-Trossbach (VA), Sandra McDonald (PERC) also attended the meeting.

On March 30th, Jim Fredericks provided a NPMA update. Tim McPherson with Douglas Products discussed some current research on aeration in Florida that

is being done on homes with spray foam insulation installed in the attic. The research involves the use of the California Aeration Plan (CAP). Sandra McDonald provided a PERC Non-Soil Fumigation Project Update and requested assistance with ranking the learning objectives. Derrick and Sandra will work together and send an email to the membership requesting input.

On August 12th, the committee met using Microsoft Teams. The following members were present at the meeting: John Scott (CO), Kelly Friend (FL), Bonnie Rabe (Rollins), Ken Kendall (Ensysytx), Jim Fredericks (NPMA), Michael Kelly (TX), Ryan Okey (SC), Rick Bell (Arrow Exterminators), Jesse Cuevas (CA) Tim McPherson, (Douglas Products), Cindy Fulton (WY), Dale Dubberly (Ensysytx). Mike Page (ASPCRO), Alex Conti (GA) and Sandra McDonald (PERC) also attended the meeting.

At the August 12th meeting, Jim Fredericks provided a NPMA update of fumigation related activities. The NPMA fumigation committee met in March and is developing new resources for fumigators. PestWorld will be all virtual this year and there is a fumigation session planned that will focus on the fumigation of vehicles and other items for bed bugs. Tim McPherson provide an up update on the aeration testing and research being conducted in Florida on homes with spray foam insulation installed in the attic. Sandra McDonald

U.S. EPA

The agency was contacted to submit an update to ASPCRO. U.S. EPA PRD fumigation lead reported the following to the committee:

OPP is working to finalize risk assessments and preliminary interim decisions for the structural/commodity fumigants. The agency will be qualitatively assessing certain parts of the assessments as some of the data requested for quantitative risk assessment are still pending submission for many of the structural/commodity fumigants. The risk assessments and preliminary interim decisions for propylene oxide, phosphine and the metal phosphides are expected to be completed and released at the same time for public comment in fall 2020. The risk assessment for the inorganic sulfites was released for public comment earlier this year, and the preliminary interim decision is expected to be completed and released for public comment in fall 2020. All registration review decisions are required to be completed by September of 2022. The draft risk assessments for all fumigants are therefore planned to be completed no later than September of 2021.

Clearance Device Study – EPA has completed the study with plans to post to the public docket by October. EPA hopes to share some information with stakeholder prior to October.

Fumigation Management Plans

No activity

Future activities

The committee plans to have a meeting prior to the mid-year meeting scheduled for Reno, Nevada in 2021. The committee will meet as needed.

U.S. EPA was contacted in August 2020 to gauge potential needs for training and/or discussions. EPA fumigation contact will forward the offer to the EPA fumigation workgroup and report back.

Summary

Registration Review: SFC is routinely communicating with OPP as they finalize risk assessments and preliminary interim decisions for the structural/commodity fumigants. SFC continues to offer and provide resources and assistance to EPA for training needs and discussion regarding the state regulation and the use of the structural/commodity fumigants. ASPCRO has worked with NPMA to host 3 fumigation workshops for EPA pesticide reevaluation scientists (Total of 46 EPA staff participated in these workshops).

Clearance Device Study: SFC is following EPA's Clearance Device Study. EPA has completed the study with plans to post to the public docket by October. EPA hopes to share some information with stakeholders prior to October.

Air Permits: SFC plans to start a dialogue with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA) which is made up of 11 states. In 2019, MARAMA issued a fumigation white paper focusing on fumigation and environmental agencies regulating fumigants as air pollutants.

PERC: SFC has been meeting with Sandra McDonald on the PERC Non-soil fumigant project. SFC has several members that are also serving on the PERC project workgroup. SFC continues to provide support and a network of experts to assist when needed. ASPCRO assisted with the learning objective ranking survey and collecting information from ASPCRO members and affiliates.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derrick Lastinger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Derrick Lastinger, Chair