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Label Language Stewardship Committee
2016 ASPCRO Mid-Year Board Meeting Report

On behalf of the ASPCRO Label Language Stewardship Committee, I submit the following report for the 2016 mid-year board meeting.

The committee was not active since the 2015 conference other than the session on Golden Malrin misuse held during the conference, see details below. While some individual discussions did occur, most issues have not recently been addressed. The committee has no assigned actions from the Board currently but will continue to pursue discussion in the areas identified below.

Micah Raub has accepted the position of co-chair of the committee. I will assist as needed while recruiting a person for the second co-chair position continues.

The following items were discussed at the committee meeting held prior to the mid-year meeting and reported during the mid-year board meeting:

Burrowing Rodent Language on Fumigant Labels

NMDA hosted a Western Pest Management Tour April 4-8, 2016 in Albuquerque, NM. The meeting included representation by New Mexico, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming pesticide programs, USDA Wildlife Services in NM, CO, and headquarters, ASPCRO, National Pest Management Association, and New Mexico Cooperative Extension. EPA sent seven representatives from headquarters including those involved in the product registration, registration review, risk assessment and incident reporting processes. Presentations during the meeting included discussion of the label language for burrowing rodent use and the confusion caused for applicators as well as regulators in determining the requirements and verifying compliance. With support from EPA, it was decided during the training to work towards a solution which would clarify proper use and the ways that could happen. The group at the meeting will begin with a label review and suggestions on how to make it clearer and more consistent in relation to the use for burrowing rodent control. The resulting work will then be passed on for further review by this committee and the structural fumigation committee. Registrants will be involved in the process.

Termiticide Label Template Discussion

The chairs will be contacting EPA to determine the continued viability of this effort at this time, before further work will continue. If confirmed this will be helpful and accepted considering the agencies move toward SmartLabel and label matching technology, the committee with further advance this project.

Label Matching Application

During the committee meeting, Jay Kelly and I provided an update on the label matching project and new opportunities this will provide for better review of labels found in the marketplace, during use inspections or submitted for review during state registration and renewal. This application will ultimately allow inspectors to take a photo of a label and the program will provide registration information and do a label comparison to the accepted label. This technology is being developed and supported by EPA. It will necessitate the agency ultimately collecting market labels rather than just the master label. In the interim, the program will use state level label database information. It was suggested a demonstration be included on the agenda at the 2016 ASPCRO conference.

EPA Pollinator Protection Policy Comments

The committee will stand ready to review, evaluate and/or work on any label language resulting from the final EPA Pollinator Protection Policy for which EPA is currently evaluating public comments made to the docket.

Stewardship for Misuse of Insecticides for Illegal Wildlife Control

The committee discussed the outcome of a session held during the 2015 annual conference on issues related to the misuse of Golden Malrin fly bait on nuisance wildlife. Suggestions during the session included contacting some of the national companies to ask for their assistance – Tractor Supply, Coke/Pepsi; commenting on blogs with a statement from ASPCRO; working with USDA Wildlife Services, US Fish and Wildlife and state wildlife agencies; the US Humane Society, County Cooperative Extension and others who would support the effort. These suggestions were further deliberated during the committee meeting and it was agreed to pursue those as well as additionally contact the registrant and EPA to check status of the registration agreement requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



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