



April 17, 2018
Label Language Stewardship Committee
2018 ASPCRO Mid-Year Board Meeting Report

On behalf of the ASPCRO Label Language Stewardship Committee, I submit the following report for the 2018 mid-year board meeting.

Committee Members: Andrew Architect, National Pest Management Association (NPMA); Greg Baumann, Nisus Corporation; Jonathan Berger, BASF; Jan Brill, Bayer CropScience LP; Allison Cuellar, Texas Department of Agriculture; Judy Fersch, BASF; Shannon Fitzgerald, Georgia Department of Agriculture; Liza Fleeson-Trossbach, (President ASPCRO), Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (VDACS); Jim Fredericks, NPMA; Alvin Harris, Washington D.C. District Department of Environment; Ken Kendall, Ensystex, Inc.; Dr. Mel Kyle, Consultant; Tim McPherson, Douglas Products; Bonnie Rabe, Rollins; Nina Rao, BASF; Micah Raub (Chair), VDACS; David Scott, Office of the Indiana State Chemist; John Scott, Colorado Department of Agriculture; Julie Spagnoli, JM Specialty Consulting; Buzz Vance, Nebraska Department of Agriculture; Mike Weyman, Clemson University; Jim Wright, Jim Wright Consulting, LLC; Thomas Wright, Pest Pro Academy.

The committee last met during the 2018 Annual Conference in Burlington, VT. Since the last meeting, Shannon Fitzgerald has replaced Derrick Lastinger on the committee as the state representative for Georgia.

First Aid Statement Guidance

In December 2016, the EPA announced draft guidance on the placement of First Aid statements. EPA indicated that it would require First Aid Statements be placed on an outside (visible) panel of the container labels. Some companies had been placing a statement on the front panel of the container that referred customers to another panel of the label that in some cases was inside of a label booklet.

During the 2017 mid-year meeting, the committee discussed EPA's guidance. Although the comment period ended prior to the meeting, it was determined that the committee should still provide input. A draft was presented to the committee at the Annual Conference for final discussion and input. Once finalized the draft was submitted to the Board for review. After review and approval by the Board, the letter was sent by Linda Johns, ASPCRO President, to EPA.

On March 8, 2018, EPA released the final guidance on the placement of First Aid Statements on pesticide labels. Below is an excerpt from the news release:

“The agency will continue to require that Toxicity Category I products have first aid statements visible on the front panel except in cases where a variation has been approved. Toxicity Categories II and III products must have these statements on a front, back, side or inside panel (any panel). These statements are optional for Toxicity Category IV products.”

Reference: News Release: Guidance on Placement of First Aid Statements on Pesticide Labels
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/guidance-placement-first-aid-statements-pesticide-labels>

“Smart Label” Project

In February 2018, the committee was tasked by the Board with providing input to EPA regarding vocabulary and definition lists that EPA intends to use as part of their “SmartLabel” Project. The committee is currently reviewing those lists and plans to provide input prior to the end of April.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Micah B Raub". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Micah Raub, Chair