

**ASPCRO Bed Bug Committee
2014 Mid-year Committee Report
February 24, 2014**

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The Bed Bug Committee (Committee) met informally in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Meeting. The Committee welcomed Kim Kelley-Tunis, Rollins, as a new member. During the meeting, the attendees discussed activities for 2014.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

25(b) Products – Proposed Rule & Efficacy Issues

During 2013, ASPCRO provided comments to the proposed 25(b) rule in which EPA is proposing to more clearly describe the active and inert ingredients permitted in products eligible for the exemption from regulation for minimum risk pesticides and to modify the label requirements in the exemption to require the use of specific common chemical names in lists of ingredients on minimum risk pesticide product labels, and to require producer contact information on the label.

Given reports of lack of efficacy of these products and/or efficacy data; false or misleading statements or claims to protect human or public health; and misuse, the Committee reconfirmed the need to 1) maintain our efforts to have the EPA address efficacy of 25b products labels not only for bed bugs but all 25b products and 2) continue discussions with EPA regarding future efforts. EPA is interested in collaborating with states (5 or 6 states) to start a dialogue to discuss issues of state registration requirements.

In consultation with EPA, the Committee made initial contact with select states who had previously indicated an interest in working towards addressing such issues. Florida, Indiana and Pennsylvania expressed a continued willingness to work on this issue. Subsequently, a meeting was held with EPA HQ Registration Division to discuss potential activities or paths forward with the process. The Committee also has become aware of a complementary process through OECA working with States that focuses primarily on non-compliance issue through a compliance assistance process. A conference call of interested States is planned for spring 2014.

ASPCRO –Development of Phase 2 Survey

The Committee agreed to move forward with the review of the draft questions that were proposed, however, not included in the Phase 1 Survey and begin the development of the Phase 2 Survey and that preliminary input into the Phase 2 Survey will be requested from both the Federal Bed Bug Workgroup as well as SFIREG's Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee. These groups, in addition to AAPCO, will have additional opportunities to comment on the Phase 2 Survey. The Phase 2 Survey of State Lead Agencies may assist in refining the issues experienced by States as they relate to the 25b product efficacy and non-compliance. There has been no additional activity for the reporting period.

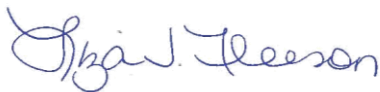
EPA Clearinghouse for Resources – Review of Website

The Committee has received comments or concerns regarding EPA’s Clearinghouse and the information presented for bed bug related outreach and education materials. Of particular concern is the list of products and the general public’s perception as it relates to these products, for example, safe; efficacious; approved etc. The Committee did inform the EPA of the general concerns and offered their assistance with the review of the website. EPA has indicated their willingness to accept comments or suggestions from the Committee. There has been no additional activity for the reporting period

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO BE DISCUSSED

During the December 9-10, 2013 Full SFIREG Meeting, concern was expressed for the need for standards for non-chemical treatment to be developed for the control of bed bugs. States are beginning to see an increase, specifically, in the use of heat, in the management of this pest. It was agreed the issue would be brought to ASPCRO’s Board of Directors for discussion as a possible activity.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liza J. Fleeson". The signature is cursive and fluid.

Liza J. Fleeson
Chair - Bed Bug Committee

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