



ASPCRO Bed Bug Committee 2017 Mid Year Report to the Board March 27, 2017

Committee Members: Tim Drake, Clemson University; Steve Sims, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Dave Scott, Office of the Indiana State Chemist. Julie Spagnoli, JM Specialty Consulting, LLC, Norman Goldenberg, Namron Business Association representing Terminix; Jim Warneke, Fulton Marine International; Jonathon Berger, BASF; Kim Kelley-Tunis, Rollins Corporation; Jim Fredericks, National Pest Management Association; Tom Wright, Pest Pro Academy; and Liza Fleeson Trossbach, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Chair).

The Bed Bug Committee (Committee) met on August 23, 2016 in conjunction with the 2016 Annual Meeting in Santé Fe NM. In attendance were Tim Drake, Clemson University; Thomas Wright, Pest PRO Academy; Stephanie Binns, RISE; Jennifer Wren, Georgia Department of Agriculture; Gary King, Michigan Department of Agriculture; Dean Osborn, Drexel Chemical Company; Kevin Shelton, Oklahoma State University; Darren Van Steenwyk, Clark Pest Control; Norman Goldenberg, Namron Business Associates; Andrew Architect, NPMA; Andrew Bray, NPMA; Alan Feuer, Preventive Pest Control; Dave Scott, Office of the Indiana State Chemist; Steve Sims, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Don Baumgartner, EPA Region 5; Lorraine Frigerio, EPA OPP; Mark Leshner, EPA Region 7; Robert Koethe, EPA Region 1; and Liza Fleeson Trossbach, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. EPA Region 2 was also represented

After the welcome and introductions, the meeting began with a review of the 2016 Annual Report to the Board of Directors as well as a review of meeting agenda. No additional items or modifications to the mid-year report or agenda were made.

Discussion

Model Regulations - The Committee received a request from a member state to develop model regulations for canine scent detection; heat treatment; ozone treatment; and cold treatment including efficacy data. The Board requested that SLAs be polled to determine the need for model regulations and the priority order of activities for the Committee. Based upon the results of the poll, there was a need for model regulations for the aforementioned non-pesticidal treatment option. A recommendation was made to the Board, and the Board approved, drafting model regulations for the following (priority order): heat treatment; canine scent detection; ozone treatment and cold treatment. Committee discussed the need to begin to work on the model regulations. It was decided to utilize NPMA's Best Management Practices as a starting point for development of the model regulations <http://bedbugbmps.org/best-practices.html>. and to focus on safety, efficacy of treatment and applicator competency. **Current Status: A Work Group was formed to begin to develop model regulations. Members include Tim Drake, Andrew Bray, Darren Van Steenwyk and Steve Sims. A link to the best management practices and the results of the poll will be sent to the Work Group.**

Education - The Committee agrees that education is still the key and there is a need for all stakeholders to be able to recognize legitimate sources of information related to bed bugs and their management. Current resources available (SLAs & Extension) should be added/updated to the ASPRCO website. Additional resources needed include news releases/PSAs for use by SLAs to address misinformation or provide good sources of information. There also appears to be a need to reach out and coordinate efforts with a variety of organizations for example, cities, departments of health, landlord/tenant organizations.

Current Status: The Committee Chair will request States/Tribes/Territories submit current bed bug resource materials (or links to those materials) so they can be posted on the ASPCRO website. In addition, an email will be drafted encouraging to States/Tribes/Territories to share information with other organizations for example, Departments of Health, within their jurisdiction.

Building/Construction & Pest Control Considerations - The Committee discussed the need to engage the building/construction industry and the need for pest control considerations during the process, for example, building design, materials. NPMA provided “Pest Prevention By Design Guidelines” <http://sfenvironment.org/download/pest-prevention-by-design-guidelines>. These guidelines were produced by a two-year, national, cross-sector project funded by the US Centers for Disease Control. The project's goal was to create a trusted reference for architects, engineers, builders and the green building community on ways to design pests out of buildings. ***Current Status: The Building Code Committee has been (re)established and is appropriate for continued discussions in this area if ASPCRO’s support is needed.***

25b - The Committee discussed the ongoing need to re-focus/clarify the “25b” discussion. It is not that “25b” products are the issue, in other words, being exempt from federal registration, it is the lack of efficacy; no efficacy; claims that are not true (i.e.: kills on contact vs. residual activity). This is particularly true given the current issues related to Zika virus and vector control in addition to bed bugs. The Committee discussed drafting a joint ASPCRO/AAPCO letter to EPA for the Board’s review. ***Current Status: Initial contact was made with AAPCO. Letter has not yet been drafted. Committee Chair will follow-up with AAPCO and ASCPRO Boards. As this is not limited to only bed bug products, this is forwarded to the Board and out of Committee.***

Regulators Forum – The Committee discussed the continued interested in a Regulators Forum/25b bulletin board where SLAs could share information regarding efficacy/registration issues (joint AAPCO/ASPCRO). E-Commerce continues to be a challenge in the sale of 25b products. A forum could be expanded to include other pesticide related issues and items. ***Current status: Preliminary discussions with AAPCO have been held. The Committee Chair will follow-up with AAPCO. As this could involve a broad range of issues, this is forwarded to the Board and out of Committee.***

Regulators-Industry Forum - The Committee also discussed the possibility and interest in a Regulator/Industry Forum in which information could be shared, issues could be discussed, etc., NPMA indicated their willingness to host the site and test the concept with initial information exchanges regarding bed bugs. ***Current status: NPMA provided an introduction to the forum that could be used by States/Tribes/Territories. No further progress has been made.***

MOVING FORWARD

The Committee has had limited activity since the mid-year meeting. The Committee welcomed Erin Worth, NMDA, as its newest member. A Bed Bug Committee Meeting will be held during the 2017 Annual Meeting in Burlington VT. In the interim, a conference call(s) will be scheduled with the Committee to rejuvenate discussion of the above items. The Chair will continue to seek new membership for the Committee and individuals willing to take the lead and/or serve on Ad Hoc Workgroups for specific items. In addition, the Chair will be seeking new leadership for the Committee and assisting in the transition.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair - Bed Bug Committee