

Pest Management in Schools Committee Report  
Midyear Meeting  
Burlington Vermont  
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Mission Statement - The ASPCRO Pest Management in Schools Committee's mission is to assist member states with the improvement and implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles and concepts in schools in the interest of promoting and protecting Children's Environmental Safety.

Summary of Committee Actions and Activities:

ASPCRO Position Paper on Legislation Requiring Schools to Use IPM adopted during 2013 Annual meeting in Atlanta.

ASPCRO Resolutions on SIPM adopted during 2013 Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

ASPCRO-EPA SIPM Sustainability Workshop in Apopka, FL on September 10 – 12, 2013.  
Resulted from opportunity to train EPA Regional SIPM Coordinators  
Also known as the "Partnership Meeting" – demonstrated ASPCRO model of working partnerships in SIPM adopted by many states. Included Extension (implementers), SLAs, School Facilities Managers/Staff, PMPs, EPA Regional IPM Coordinators  
Covered review of basic IPM in schools; scenario based IPM exercises using PMU facilities; presentations and discussions on how to implement sustainable IPM programs in schools

Attempting to set up a meeting with Bob McNally, Director of BPPD to discuss collaborations with EPA, NPMA and ASPCRO on PCO training initiatives

Issues Still Pending:

1. Based on surveys that indicate 70% to 90% of schools in the nation outsource pest management to licensed companies. The committee has drafted IPM guidelines for PMP. The document is being reviewed by EPA.
2. On March 18, 2016 EPA provided the following feedback: We've reviewed the existing guidance along with the document Mike Page drafted. We find Chapter 3 of the 2012 Integrated Pest Management for North Carolina Schools and Child Care Facilities contains the required elements of a School IPM bid/contract guide. Initially developed in Texas and adapted by North Carolina, this document has been reviewed by several members of your School IPM Committee at different points in time.

In addition, many are complimentary of the document. We have taken the liberty of making some edits to the document, primarily adding an introduction and removing North Carolina-centric references as well as some parts that are outside of the scope. We plan to secure the author's permission to excerpt most of Chapter 3 and recast it as a national guidance document.

Our School IPM Roundtable is in late-May 2016 leaving us about 8 weeks in which to accomplish this undertaking. We would be pleased if ASPCRO would join us in the endeavor, but understand completely if this is a course you do not want to join with us to pursue. We appreciate and value our efforts to date and look forward to future collaborations to increase school IPM adoption.

3. On March 18, 2016 Liza Fleeson responded, the following to EPA: I have sent your email with the attachment to the Board for their review and have requested comments be returned to me. I have also added this to the agenda for the upcoming midyear Board of Directors Meeting, April 18-19, 2016 in Burlington VT.