



Rodenticide Committee
2017 ASPCRO Midyear Board Meeting Report
March 27, 2017

Committee Members: Jack Peterson, Arizona Department of Agriculture; John Scott, Colorado Department of Agriculture; Jonathan Berger, BASF; Kathy Fedder, Comcast, Katie Swift, Liphatech; Stephen Baca, New Mexico Department of Agriculture; Linda Johns, Montana Department of Agriculture (Chair).

The ASPCRO Rodenticide Committee submits the following report for the 2017 Midyear Board meeting:

The committee met at the 2017 Mid-Year Board meeting in Austin, Texas to discuss the California Assembly Bill, rodenticide label language on gloves, and the need for EPA to have consistent language on all labels.

California Assembly Bill

The committee had further discussion on the California Assembly Bill that would outlaw most uses of all rodenticides with consideration to some added exemptions on site uses. NPMA and RISE are working together to submit a letter on this issue.

Rodenticide Label Language on Gloves

Katie and Jim introduced concern with language on the rodenticide labels, specifically pertaining to chemical resistance gloves that have a requirement 14 mil nitrile gloves. Katie commented that Liphatech has chosen not to add this language to their labels and due to this EPA is holding the labels as “hostage”. Jim stated that he has a meeting with Meredith Laws, EPA concerning this requirement on all the new labels. The concern brought up to EPA is that rodenticides do not have dermal toxicity. EPA seemed slightly stumped by this economic burden and safety concern related to rodenticide product use. Jim will reach out to EPA for an explanation on the use of waterproof gloves and how the waterproof glove definition seems over defined.

NPMA and RISE reached out to EPA regarding their requirement that 14 mil nitrile gloves be specified on the label and have apparently made significant progress in this area. An update will be given at the 2017 annual conference.

EPA to have Consistent Language on all Labels

Jonathan commented that EPA is trying to have consistent language on all labels which is being driven by the toxicity levels. Linda was tasked to work with Carol Black and Dr. Shaw on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Johns

Linda Johns, Chair