



Structural Fumigation Committee Report April 18, 2016

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The ASPCRO Structural Fumigation committee submits the following report for the 2016 Board of Directors mid-year meeting.

The purpose of the ASPCRO Structural Fumigation Committee was established in 2014 to be a resource for US EPA as the non-soil fumigants go through registration review.

Activities

2015 Annual Conference Session

A fumigation session was held at the annual conference in Ft. Lauderdale. This session included an overview of the workshop held at the Rollins Learning Center in Atlanta for US EPA pesticide evaluation scientists. Dale Dubberly presented on fumigation related incidents in Florida.

PR/USVI Fumigation Workshop

In response to incidents in the US Virgin Island and Puerto Rico, Steve Dwinell (FDACS) initiated discussions with ASPCRO, NPMA, and US EPA proposing a structural fumigation workshop for applicators in these territories. A workgroup was created and Derrick Lastinger represented ASPCRO on the workgroup. The workshop took several months of planning and collaboration between ASPCRO, NPMA, EPA Region 2, Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, University of the Virgin Islands, USVI Department of Planning and Natural Resources, fumigant registrants, distributors, Puerto Rico Pest Control Association.

In December, ASPCRO and NPMA co-presented the Structural Fumigation Safety and Compliance Workshops in San Juan, PR and St. Croix, USVI with a live interactive broadcast with applicators in St. Thomas. The program was

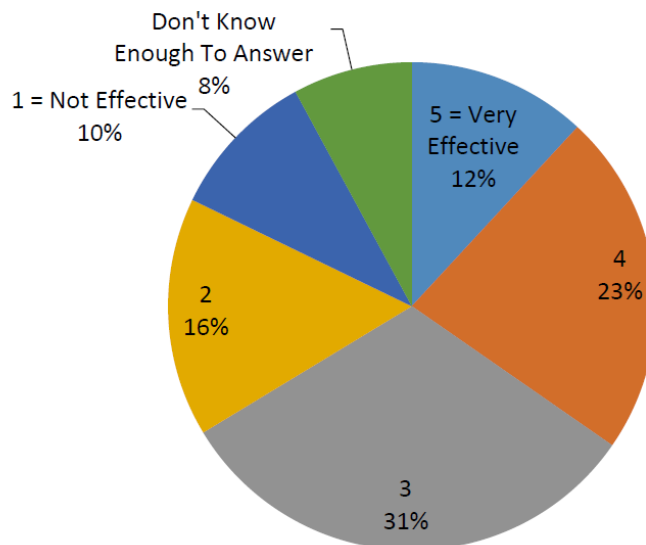
attended by over 100 applicators. The two day-and-half long workshops provided fumigators with more than 12 hours of refresher training focusing on topics including the review of the methyl bromide, sulfuryl fluoride and metal phosphide labels, hands-on label interpretation exercises, basic pest identification and biology reviews, personal protective equipment, IPM and alternatives to fumigation, safety considerations as well as federal and local fumigation regulatory requirements.

Sponsorship and technical expertise was provided by NPMA, ASCPCRO, Degesch America, Douglas Products, Methyl Bromide Industry Panel and Superior Angram.

NPMA Survey

In February, NPMA reached out to ASCPCRO regarding a survey that they were developing to learn more about stakeholder ideas and opinions regarding the stewardship of fumigants. ASCPCRO was given an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft questionnaire. ASCPCRO provided feedback and also assisted with sending the survey out to stakeholders. The following response was provided by NPMA.

From your perspective, how Effective have state regulators been in regulating the structural fumigation industry?



NPMA Legislative Day

A session titled, “Structural Fumigation: Where are we now and what does the future hold?” was one of two regulatory sessions at the NPMA Legislative Day in Washington, DC on March 14th. Derrick Lastinger presented ASCPCRO activities during the session.

Western Pest Management Tour – Albuquerque, NM

A workshop was conducted by NMDA, ASCPCRO, NPMA, NASDA and USDA WS on April 4-8th to provide an overview and training on western rodent issues.

Sessions focused on management tools and procedures for Aluminum and Magnesium Phosphides, Endangered Species Consultations and urban burrow rodents. US EPA pesticide registration scientists requested the focused training at the March 2015 ASPCRO/NPMA Structural Fumigation workshop held in Atlanta.

Meetings

The committee met by teleconference on March 11th. The following items were discussed: committee membership participation, summary of recent committee activities, NPMA Fumigation Stewardship Strategy, current committee purpose and future activities. Jim Fredericks briefly discussed the recent stakeholder survey including a note that NPMA plans to hold a Fumigation Stewardship Summit in September 2016. Dale Dubberly discussed the recent EPA OIG visit to Florida and a new Florida fumigation law that will be effective July 1st and require rulemaking to be completed within 180 days. Lastly, the committee developed an agenda for the April 18th meeting.

On March 9th, Derrick Lastinger, Liza Fleeson and John Scott met with US EPA pesticide managers and discussed ASPCRO activities, the US EPA proposed C&T rule including the non-soil fumigation certification category, current fumigant stewardship efforts and noted that EPA is looking to see what comes out of NPMA's stewardship strategy. EPA discussed activities involving OECA, OPP and EPA OIG's pending evaluation from the program audit section. EPA OPP is sending two employees on detail from EPA Region 2 office to work with PR & USVI on their certification and training programs for 6 months. EPA provided an update on the status of the re-evaluation of the fumigants and requested that ASPCRO assist with some additional hands-on training for the review managers on structural, commodity, container, chamber and port-related fumigations. Risk assessments are expected to come out in 2018.

Future activities

The committee plans to have a meeting on April 18th at 9:00 a.m. and will discuss the following items:

1. Committee membership
2. Mission/purpose statement: committee purpose and future needs for providing resources to EPA for the re-evaluation of the non-soil fumigants (trainings, surveys, meetings, etc.)
3. Coordinate & collaborate ASPCRO efforts
4. Review the NPMA survey and NPMA initial committee findings
5. Summary of the Western Rodent Workshop
6. SLA survey

A fumigation session is planned for the annual conference in Santa Fe, NM. The session focus and topics are currently being developed.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick Lastinger, Chair