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Termiticide Standards Committee
2014 ASPCRO Annual Board Meeting Report

On behalf of the ASPCRO Termiticide Standards Committee, I submit the following report for the 2014 mid-year board meeting.

The committee met during the annual conference in Atlanta. During that meeting it was proposed that the Termiticide Standards Committee (TSC), through ASPCRO, develop a recommendation to States and the USEPA that termiticide labels be allowed to be registered that contain the following directions for use:

Preventive treatments for new construction, slab foundations must consist of applications to critical areas during foundation construction followed by a full perimeter/limited interior application (FP/LI) after construction is completed; and before the certificate of occupancy is granted. For crawl-space construction homes, the interior of the foundation wall and critical areas must be treated, followed by a full perimeter/limited interior application (FP/LI) after construction is completed; and before the certificate of occupancy is granted. For protecting new construction, all interior critical areas must be treated. A complete horizontal treatment of compacted soil under areas of solid slab would not be required. Critical areas were defined as slab penetrations, locations of planned slab cold joints, controlled cuts and the footers of foundation piers, pilasters and stemwalls. The basis for the proposed label language is as follows:

- When currently required preventive treatment fails, the corrective treatment consists of a post construction treatment using the techniques in this recommendation.
- Current preventive treatment requirements for full treatment of the horizontal extent of a slab footprint require large volumes of insecticide mixture (hundreds of gallons). For this control method to be successful, no disturbance of the applied barrier can occur. Failure to fully apply the full volume and disturbance of the barrier is frequently documented by state regulatory agencies.
- Termites typically gain access to homes by constructing shelter tubes up the exterior of the foundation, accessing through bath traps/utility penetrations, or tubing up the interior of a crawlspace foundation. Treatment of the entire horizontal foot print is not needed to control these sources of infestation.

As a result of the aforementioned proposal, NPMA has convened a Pre-Construction Subterranean Termite Task Force to further examine the proposed label amendments. Representing regulatory as well as ASPCRO on the task force will be Steve Dwinell and me. The task force will meet on Tuesday, 4 February, in Atlanta in order to get industry feedback on the proposal.

No other issues have been brought in front of the committee since the annual meeting.

The committee has scheduled a meeting with the Termiticide Label Review Committee (TLRC) for Tuesday, 25 February 2014 at 2:00pm to continue the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Weyman, Chair