

ASPCRO Public Health Committee Meeting

April 4, 2024, 10:00 CDT

In attendance:

Janet Hurley, Texas A & M

Dave Harris, Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Chair)

Emily Pochubay, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development

Janine Runfola, Colorado Department of Agriculture

Effie Toren, BASF

Bill Welsh, Rose Pest Solutions

Christine Wicks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture (ASPCRO Board)

Welcome

There was an Initial informal discussion regarding bedbugs and public health, heat treatments and bedbug scent detection.

Mosquito Mist Blower White Paper

The committee followed up regarding EPA's Response that current methodologies are protective to the user. Discussion took place regarding applicators not understanding the pesticide labels and application equipment. Discussion also took place regarding mosquito applicators making applications to structures (for structural pests) without the proper licensing.

EPA Proposed rodenticide changes and public health impacts

The committee discussed concerns regarding rodenticide products that are still available for retail sale, along with carcass removal / retrieval requirements. Discussion also took place that there will be a rewrite of PIDs by EPA soon, along with studies are being questioned regarding only incident reporting.

The committee discussed that the general public may not be able to protect themselves/ afford to hire licensed applicators and that there were especially high risks in parts of the country where Hantavirus is prevalent. Concerns were additionally brought up regarding rodent control around food manufacturing facilities and farms as related to vector control.

The question was raised whether Health Departments and CDC are aware of the concerns and consequences regarding rodenticide rule changes and how to better bring them into the discussion. The committee discussed having more frequent meetings regarding the assemble of a plan/ playbook to help bring health departments into the rodenticide discussion. The committee will plan to meet on the 4th

Thursday of the month at 10:00 CDT. Emily Pochubay provided a test share doc to the group. Dave Harris will create a recurring meeting and send the calendar link to the committee. It was also discussed that Effie Toren will be attending the ASPCO Midyear meeting in person and will present the Public Health Committee Meeting minutes to the ASCPRO Board of Directors.

Adjourn