

Rodenticide Committee Report
Westin Portland Harborview
April 22, 2024

The ASPCRO Rodenticide Committee met in person at the Westin Harbor View Hotel in Portland, Maine on April 23, 2024.

There were 23 people in attendance in Maine, and another 13 attended virtually. We covered several points, agenda attached, and had terrific participation from the attendees in our rodenticide PID/BE discussion.

Everyone had read ASPCRO's comments on the Biological Evaluation and the WY/CO EPA Tour Summary that was sent out. In discussing both, I emphasized the importance of participation in the comment process for the upcoming Revised PID, if we are allowed another opportunity to comment, and it sounds like we will even though EPA is not required to provide another opportunity.

JD Darr presented on the NPMA/EPA DC Tour and submitted a summary of the discussion held earlier this month. There was discussion on the limitations of use with respect to the distance permitted in the PID and possibly a change in the proposed PPE requirements based on conversations during that tour.

Additionally, more information about the PID process was provided, with the likelihood that comments that were made are likely to be reflected/addressed in the upcoming revised PID, possibly in November of this year.

RUP designation for rodenticides continues to be a concern, and it appears that EPA may want to explore ways that distribution could be changed to prevent rodenticides from being used by non-certified applicators, possibly without designating them as RUP.

David Bryson presented his attendance at the Vertebrate Pest Conference. It appears that several US Cities may be attempting a birth control approach and a non-eradication policy where thresholds may be considered. The concern is that the structural damage to property will continue to happen in areas where the tools are limited in a way that permits the rodents to survive.

A discussion of how to get EPA to more meetings was held, with the potential of inviting EPA to structural schools and perhaps asking EPA to send registration team members to PREP courses so that they can be better apprised of the bigger picture.

And finally, we briefly discussed NYC Rat Czar, Kathleen Corradi. We would like to speak with her and gauge her interest and ability to present at an upcoming meeting to see how things are going, what are the biggest hurdles, successes, and to hear her thoughts on the Rodenticide PIDs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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