

## **Inspector Training Committee (ITC) 2025 Annual Report**

The ITC convened on 08/26/25 as part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Inspector Training Committee's Inspector Training. This was the first in-person practical that the ITC has held. 12 Inspectors attended in-person, and there was a maximum of 25 people in the room (inspectors, ITC Members, BOD Members, industry representatives, etc.). The Webinar Agenda and In-Person Practical Agenda are attached to this email in a singular document.

Following introductions and welcoming, Lisa Brown presented on three separate topics: photography techniques, basic inspector skills, and report writing. The ITC feels that these three topics should be incorporated into future in-person practical's as a refresher.

Following the refresher, Kevin Rodrigue and Rick Russo of JP Pest Services presented to the entire cohort about the specific tools used in their industry that would be found at an account like a hotel. They explained how the tools worked, what they look like, common deficiencies with the products, etc.

Following the refresher and presentation of products, the groups went to their first practical assignment. The goal of the practical's were to put to use the tools learned through attending the previous 10 webinars.

The three scenarios for this practical were:

- 1 – Loading dock and exterior of building
- 2 – Kitchen
- 3 – Records checks

Groups cycled through the scenarios for an hour each, and then each group drafted a report for the last scenario in which they were involved. Each group was accompanied by members of the ITC or one of the few individuals involved with setting up the practical. While the groups did not catch each violation that was set up, they did find most of the violations. In each group during each scenario, at least one member stated that they did not conduct this type of inspection in their State. Other members of their group would speak up and act as the leader for that scenario. While this was an unintended consequence of shuffling through the scenarios, it was great to watch inspectors assisting inspectors and training each other on various FIFRA-related inspection tips and tactics.

Following the scenarios and reporting out of reports, Kevin and Rick presented on what the actual pest problems at the hotel were.

On 08/28/25, Allison Cuellar and Dave Huber presented the cohort with certificates of completion.