

SFIREG Working Committee on Water Quality & Pesticide Disposal

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The SFIREG Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal has not met since the last AAPSE meeting in San Antonio. The October meeting was canceled after the attacks on September 11. The next meeting is April 29 & 30, 2002 (in Arlington, VA.). The following tentative agenda will serve to inform the board and membership of the issues; the committee is currently working on.

Although the agenda is not set at this time, I will list out the major items we have to cover and the direction in which we are headed.

1. Report from the Water Quality Registration Review Team. This issue team has accomplished alot and it is time for a report to the work group on what has been created and what the entire committee will be doing to put this into action.
2. Working Group/Committee Orientation. This is a carry over item from the missed meeting but because we have several new members and will be losing another two real soon, we need to have a focused understanding of what we are supposed to be doing (according to AAPCO & SFIREG) and even more importantly, an understanding of the way the committee is trying to operate now with the creation of the issue team format.
3. Introduction to AISWPCA. This is part of what came out of the 2001 PREP Water Quality Course. We will talk about that stuff too, but as for the AISWPCA initiative, AAPCO/SFIREG has issued an invitation for AISWPCA to come talk with us and introduce themselves (the organization) so we can talk about creating working partnerships at the state level related to pesticides and non-point source water quality issues. Those of you that are familiar with 319 NPS issues at the state level know that our ties are not great. The ultimate objective here is to get AISWPCA and SFIREG more closely affiliated so that SLAs can get recognized as appropriate partners for water quality and pesticide management at the state level and make SLAs eligible for 319 NPS funding through AISWPCA priorities and guidance.
4. Container Disposal - Label Language Review. This issue is a referral from the POM Committee. The reference for this topic is in the minutes of the POM Committee meeting during November, 2001.
5. Model Registration Language for AAPCO. This is a topic I brought up back in October, 2001. I see this as one of next issue team projects because it is a follow-up that will strengthen the registration review procedure that we are also going work on at this meeting.

* Please Take Note: This one comes with an assignment to prepare us for this issue AND the registration review report. This assignment can even take the place of pulling teeth to get material from your neighbor states if they don't have anything pressing to share. What I'm asking you to gather is a copy of the registration statute that states use to accept, deny, condition or modify the state registration of a pesticide product. If there is other valuable language

used for other commodities such as feeds, fertilizers, seeds, plant materials etc. try to get that too. I don't expect you to read all of these yourselves so have your contacts summarize the strengths and shortcomings in what their statutes say or how they use them. If this action/review is governed more (described better) by rule or regulation, get that language also/instead.

I am suggesting the task be divided as follows:

Gerard Kennedy	Region I
Ron Gardner	Region II
Phil Pitzer	Region III
Dennis Howard	Region IV- FL, GA, AL, MS
Ernest Collins	Region IV- KY, TN, SC, NC (& OH)
Jim VandenBrook	Region V (w/o OH)
Van Kozak	Region VI (w/o NM)
Craig Romary	Region VII (w/ SD & ND)
Bob Rollins	Region IX (w/UT & w/o AZ)
Ed Minch	AZ, NM, CO, WY
Gary Bahr	Region X (w/ MT)

If you want to strike a different deal with your fellow committee members then you can trade off with each other. As it is, all states are covered for now.

6. There are two other issues that I still have in the list of previously (and repeatedly) suggested topics that we haven't covered yet and those are: A pesticide degradate policy, with issues such as state or EPA selection, data review and lab analysis; and NPDES permits for aquatic use pesticides and pesticide TMDLs.