

Pesticide Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Guyer Conference Room, MDA Laboratory, East Lansing
July 20, 2007

Present: Gary King, Bill Weil, Russ Ives, Brian Rowe, Martha Stanbury, Roger Wabeke, Mike Schiffer, Jim Johnson, Carolyn Randall

Pesticide Surveillance Update - The Michigan Pesticide Illness and Injury Surveillance Project Quarterly Report was sent to the Pesticide Advisory Committee (PAC) members prior to the meeting. Martha Stanbury discussed the report with the committee. A request was made to have Abby check with other states to see if they are also seeing more incidents reporting of respiratory injury from quaternary amine chloride products. The committee appreciated the breakout by events. It is very helpful.

MSUE Pesticide Education Update – Carolyn Randall distributed the Third Quarter Report from MSUE (Michigan State University Extension). She also distributed the new brochure – Questions and Answers about Fleas. Carolyn informed the PAC that there are only about 100 copies of the Core Manual remaining in the extension bulletin system. She plans to have the National Core with a Michigan supplement ready for release to applicators by September. When this happens, a new core exam will need to be written and distributed to MDA Regional offices. Carolyn indicated there is not a Spanish National Core written in Spanish. She is not sure what MDA plans to do, whether they will keep the current Spanish Core Manual and test. Carolyn is working with Larry Swain on these projects. If anyone has any comments, please forward them to Carolyn as soon as possible.

Carolyn and Larry Swain participated in a day-long “Comprehensive Core Training” seminar. Sherry Goodreau has been hired to assist on setting up more training programs.

PPPM Update – Ken Rauscher informed the committee that MDA director, Mitch Irwin, will be retiring as of August 17. Phyllis Mellon has been appointed the acting director until a new director is appointed by the Ag Commission.

The Pesticide Registration position will be filled. MDA is also looking into filling the department toxicologist position. Many divisions have a need for toxicology support.

Ken distributed an updated map that showed the EAB infestation in Michigan as well as other locations in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

Ken distributed a Pest Alert and discussed the Sirex woodwasp. This insect attacks pines. Ken said he does not expect this insect to be as devastating as the Emerald Ash Borer. Ken also distributed a map indicating where the Sirex has been located in Michigan and a map locating where traps have been set in Michigan for this pest. Ken said this pest has been noted around the world for the last 30 years.

Ken indicated MDA is not conducting a Gypsy Moth suppression program this year. This is the first time in 25 years.

Enforcement Report – Gary King, Enforcement Manager, distributed and discussed the FY2007 Pesticide Use Investigation Report. All 2005 use investigation case files that required a Notice of Intent (NOI) enforcement action have been completed. Gary highlighted a couple significant cases. Work continues on the 2006 and 2007 cases.

Gary indicated the comments from the PAC have been included in this enforcement report. However Brian and Gary are not sure what the committee wanted when it asked for why/closure action. Closure action means what type violation is determined. After discussion, Gary said the next report will include sections such as alleged violations and verified violations and what active ingredient was used (if this information is captured in the enforcement database).

Gary said he is on a department committee this is discussing enforcement actions in MDA. Gary will up date the committee as information becomes available.

Pesticide Section Update – Brian updated the PAC about the Ground Water Fee Bill. This bill will enhance the collection of ground water fees from pesticide companies that sell products from outside Michigan into Michigan.

Staffing update – Marie White, administrative support to the enforcement desk, is back after a three month leave. A request to refill the pesticide registration manager position has been submitted. It will now start the process to receive exemption approvals before the actual employment announcement can be made. The toxicologist position is being discussed at the department level.

Antimicrobial indoor applications – PPPM has moved forward with licensing of businesses that perform air duct cleaning and use antimicrobials. Larry Swain will contact the four national associations. EPA is reviewing to the registration process for antimicrobial pesticides.

Brian said PPPM has applied for two IPM initiative EPA project grants; one is for a community rodent control program – Mel Poplar to administer, and the second is for an IPM training program – Larry Swain to administer.

Brian indicated that MDA will forward our bulk storage and bulk container regulations to EPA for review as the EPA has instituted federal regulations for bulk storage and bulk containers. Brian believes MDA meets the federal regulation.

May Agenda item Follow-Up Items

- Quaternary ammonium chloride based disinfectant products - Roger Wabeke suggested the PAC make a recommendation to the department director to send a letter to EPA stating MDA recommends the restriction of air borne disinfectant products containing quaternary ammonium chloride. The committee discussed

this issue and the necessary procedure to accomplish this goal. Roger distributed a proposed quaternary ammonium recommendation.

- **Action Item:** Jim asked committee members to review the proposed recommendation to the MDA director and be prepared to discuss it at our next meeting (October 19).
- **Action Item:** Martha Stanbury will work with Abbey to contact NIOSH about quaternary ammonium chloride cases nationwide. She will then contact Roger with the results of their communication. They will report back to the committee at the next meeting.
- **Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Week Proclamation -** Brian indicated he had tried to find the source initiating this proclamation but he was unsuccessful.

Miscellaneous – The minutes from the previous minutes were approved.

Action Item – The committee requested a current list of PAC members, MDA regional offices with contact information, program manager names and phone numbers, and a list of clean sweep sites.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for October 19 at 9:30 at the Guyer Conference Room, Geagley Laboratory, East Lansing. The meeting was adjourned.