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Update on PPDC Public Health Work Group

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Public Health Work Group: Purpose

- Public Health Workgroup created in April 2010, to address issues involving pesticides that control pests that vector disease
 - Issues may affect regulatory, policy, programmatic, environmental, technical, economic, or science policy decisions
 - Ongoing workgroup to address issues involving pesticides with public health uses as they arise



Public Health Work Group: Process

- The workgroup has defined three critical roles for its interactions with EPA, including as:
 - Advisory panel for EPA to seek FACA advice or input;
 - Portal for stakeholders to bring issues of concern to EPA; and
 - Forum to discuss items of common interest about public health pests and their control
- Parts of each meeting are devoted to each



Public Health Work Group: Goals

- Work group allows broader stakeholder engagement on public health issues
- Various stakeholders include:
 - public health departments, community and environmental justice organizations, and proponents of children's health, other governmental agencies
- Provides venue for collaboration with public



PH Workgroup: Update

- Three topics discussed yesterday:
 - Repellency mark
 - To be covered shortly
 - Draft Federal Bed Bug Strategy
 - Process for sharing document with the public
 - Discussed overarching intent and key points of the strategy
 - Efficacy Data, Best Management Practices, and Informed Labeling



PH Workgroup: Update

- Efficacy Data, Best Management Practices, and Informed Labeling
 - Using efficacy data to make labeling more informative to improve performance in the field
 - Information can be supplied as advisory, best management or as use directions
- Group agreed adding such information to the labels would be beneficial
 - EPA to investigate further and report back at next meeting



PH Work Group: Next Steps

- Workgroup ongoing areas of interest:
 - Improving the PH pesticide toolbox
 - IPM in housing and urban communities
 - Efficacy, product performance standards and communicating information for products
 - Bed bugs, IPM and tick-borne disease efforts
 - Development of performance measures for PH
 - Resistance concerns