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:
  – 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

• Topics discussed at yesterday’s meeting:
  – Update on Innovation to Impact (I2) project
  – Communications piece to help the public read labels for products intended for dilution
  – EPA web site for public health issues
  – Updates from EPA on a number of ongoing projects/issues
  – Member updates – an open forum for discussion
PH Workgroup: Innovation to Impact

- Innovation to Impact (I2I), coordinated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
  - I2I aims to improve the value chain for developing and delivering vector control products for diseases such as malaria, dengue, other arbovirus diseases, and certain neglected tropical diseases
  - WHO, GF, PMI, NIH, EPA, CropLife, Industry and IVCC are all involved in the initiative
  - CropLife presented and discussed the initiative with the working group
PH Workgroup: Sharing Labels Intended for Dilution

- Sharing a label for a product that is diluted before applying may frighten or confuse reader
  - Users requested amended label language to communicate risk for product after dilution
  - Labels only convey information for labelled product (not post-mixture), so adding info on undiluted form not feasible
- EPA is developing a companion piece for applicator to distribute, with label, when responding to requests
  - Companion piece not product-specific, but generic to work for any product meant for dilution
PH Workgroup: Sharing Labels Intended for Dilution

- EPA presented a very, very preliminary form of this companion piece to Workgroup
  - Seeking comments on approach and tone
- Final may be ready as early as December 2015
- Once final, piece will be available online, as an EPA-authored document
  - User groups and public can download and distribute as needed
PH Workgroup: Web Update

• OPP is revamping its web presence
• Several PH pages have already been redone
  – Bed bugs, repellents, IPM in schools
• Several pages left to update
  – Workgroup discussed how they use these web pages and what areas are the most helpful
  – OPP intends to use this information when updating these pages
PH Workgroup: Updates

• EPA provided updates on areas of interest to the group, including:
  – Efficacy guidelines, finalization of federal bed bug strategy, repellent graphic mark, clearinghouse
• CDC provided an update on tick diseases and discussed efforts to improve situation
• Workgroup members provided updates on other initiatives
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
PH Workgroup

• Conclusions