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Pesticide Worker Safety Program: Enhancements in Protections



Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee
Worker Safety Workgroup
November 8, 2006

PPDC Workgroup

- **First Meeting – February 2006**

- Focused on:**
- The need for regulatory change
 - Role of PPDC subcommittee
 - Workgroup charge/ request for feedback
 - Review of current issues

- **Second Meeting – June 2006**

- Focused on:**
- Rank issues to determine level of discussion
 - Result of discussion—request for more detail
 - Conference calls regarding each issue paper
 - 23 Issue papers
 - Request for comments, supporting documents and / or information
 - Presentations from subcommittee representatives to full PPDC

PPDC Workgroup

August to November: engaged workgroup on 23 discussion papers.

- **Conference Calls - 10, two hour calls held to clarify questions and encourage discussion & comments**
- **Written comments submitted within 2 weeks of each call**
- **Group expanded to include over 70 individuals representing advocacy groups, industry, agriculture, state regulators, state safety educators, antimicrobials**
- **Antimicrobial group split off into separate group. Calls held to discuss the issue of the scope.**

PPDC Subcommittee Working Session

Workgroup Meeting – November 8, 2006

- **Focus on:**
 - **Comments received in response to the discussion paper conference calls**
 - **Compiled comments summary document**
 - **Comments to be placed in Docket**
 - **Awaiting papers on the issues raised by advocacy groups; a call will be set up for these issues after discussion papers are received.**

PPDC Subcommittee Working Session

- **Next Steps**
- **PPDC Meeting – May 2007**
 - Revised issue papers - using what we have learned through this process - ask for additional feedback
 - PPDC workgroup to continue involvement at critical junctures
- **Antimicrobial Discussion**
 - Working on a discussion paper addressing issues brought to our attention by the biocide industry and users.
 - Will soon hold a conference call to focus on the discussion paper issues with the biocides industry.

PPDC Subcommittee Working Session

Revised Regulatory Schedule

- **Nov - Dec 06: Issue discussion closure**
- **Dec - Apr: EPA considers input - gathers data - refines issue papers**
- **April: Distribute new material to workgroup**
- **May: Conference calls, PPDC presentations, workgroup feedback**
- **Jun 07- Jun 08: Write preamble & rule, Agency reviews, multiple required analyses, options selection, OMB, USDA, Administrator signature**
- **Dec 08: Publish proposal for public comment**