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Update on PPDC Public Health Work Group

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Public Health Work Group: Purpose

- Public Health Work Group created in April 2010, to address issues involving pesticides that control pests that impact public health
 - 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 the public



PH Work Group: a Little History

- Kick-off Meeting held April, 2010
 - OPP presented overview of public health activities
 - Topics widespread as PH spans most divisions in OPP and impacts many regulatory decisions
- Workgroup discussed areas of interest and possible priorities for workgroup
- Subsequent meetings have led to discussions on mutual areas of interest and EPA presentations of ongoing activities



PH Work Group: Areas of Interest

- Workgroup has identified four key areas of interest:
 - Improving the toolbox of pesticides used to control public health pests,
 - Blanket tolerances for mosquito adulticides,
 - Efficacy and product performance issues, and
 - IPM in housing/schools/communities (will be adapted to adjust to new work group)



PH Work Group: Areas of Interest

- Additional areas workgroup is interested in:
 - Efficacy, product performance standards and communicating information for products
 - Bed bugs, and tick-borne disease efforts
 - Development of performance measure for PH
 - Concerns about new NPDES permitting process and effect on public health
 - Coordination within EPA about urban IPM
 - Resistance concerns



PH Work Group: Next Steps

- By focusing only on public health initiatives, workgroup can engage more effectively and efficiently
- Work group is a valuable resource for OPP
 - FACA umbrella allows broader input into OPP activities than available in other venues
- Meeting tomorrow (room 4830, 1:00 – 4:30)
 - Focus on bed bug initiatives and next steps (adjusting to account for new IPM Work Group)