

Pesticide Workgroup
April 17, 2012
Conference Call Summary
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (PDT)

Participants: Pam Wofford, Department of Pesticide Regulation; Marcy Katzin, Mary Grisier, Fabiola Estrada, US EPA Region 9; Cornelius Antone, Tohono O'odham; Nina Hapner, Kashia; Suzanne Fluharty, Yurok; Sarah Ryan, Big Valley.

Pam Wofford, California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)

- She is the Tribal Liaison for DPR and is on the Tribal Advisory Group and Committee.
- This Group has been in place for a couple of years. In 2010, the Advisory Group was put on the Cal/EPA Website.
- The Department of Pesticide Regulation is under Cal/EPA.
- Little interaction with Tribes in the past. The latest interaction is with Big Valley and the application to Clear Lake.
- If interested in knowing what is being done in your area talk with the local Agricultural Commissioner. They are responsible for pesticide enforcement.

It was noted that in some counties, Tribes and the County Offices do not have a good rapport. If a tribe is having difficulty obtaining information from the County, would they contact the DPR Tribal Liaison?

Questions were asked on how to find pesticide use information on CALTRANS and Federal entities.

- CALTRANS – Start with the Tribal Liaison.
- Federal Entities - They do Pesticide Use Reports in California because of agreements with the State. They are not required to fill out pesticide use reports.
- An Executive Order requires compliance of federal entities with a State's Pollution Control Compliance.
- All Federal Entities are required to comply with FIFRA and comparative state local regulations.
- Federal Entities are subject to inspections under FIFRA.

If you'd like to contact Pam, her information is below. She is willing to participate in future calls.

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Application to Clear Lake Update

- This was tabled and can be placed on the next call if Big Valley would like to provide some history on this.

Pesticide Goals for the RTOC Strategic Plan

Past Priorities – Short Term:

- Education and Outreach
- National Dialogue with other groups on pesticides
- Special Projects – Pesticides
- IPM Schools

Past Priorities – Long Term:

- Expand pesticide Coverage
- Making FIFRA delegable to Tribes
- Certification and Training for Restricted Use Pesticides

National Certification and Training Plan

- It is being combined with the Region 8 Plan. It is not final yet, but the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) expects plan to be ready in 2-3 months.
- Region 9 is waiting to see what happens with the National Plan before starting a R9 Plan.
- Regulations for worker safety may be changing.
- If Region 9 wishes to pursue its own plan, it will not be considered unless a need for a separate plan can be proven.

Education/Outreach/Training

- Doable through webinars and using existing meetings.
 - o Pesticide Safety, Federal Pesticide Regulations Training, etc.
- Tribes without pesticide programs would have access to these trainings.

Extend Pesticide Coverage

- More of a challenge if funding programs with enforcement funds.
- Funds are limited.
- What about a Circuit Rider in some areas, like Yurok?

Pesticide Special Projects

- May be used to expand coverage depending upon how used.
- Only effective is Tribes respond and put in proposals.

Engaging in National Discussions on Pesticide Issues

- Easy to do and will continue to notify Tribes of opportunities.

IPM Schools

- EPA Region 9 has a request out for contractors on this priority. They may ask the contractor chosen to assist with developing an IPM Template.

Discussion on Federal Credentials

Renewals

- Credentials for this region expired in the Fall.
- This year the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance (OECA) tightened the information inspectors needed to have for a federal credential.
- Long-time inspectors are being asked for specific dates on trainings completed.
- Given this was an unknown requirement for this renewal, Region 9 Staff are working to try and provide the information needed so inspectors can have their credentials renewed.
- Every Region will have to go through this process when their federal credentials expire.

Tribal inspectors receiving Federal Credentials

- For a tribal inspector to obtain Federal Credentials, they tribe must have a grant relationship with EPA.
- The Tribe needs to ask if they want to have more EPA presence on the tribal lands.
- May need to have a separate call with EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance (OECA) on the issue of Tribes obtaining Federal Credentials. It was noted this is a discussion that comes up at every Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) Meeting.

The group reviewed Priority #9 in the Strategic Plan and the information filled in for review.

Priority #9: Address Other Cross-Media Issues, Such as Pesticide Management, Protection of Indigenous Species??

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Increase IPM Programs for Tribes*
- B. Increase the percentage of tribes that incorporate Pesticide Programs in their current medias.*
- C. Increase EPA Support of Outreach and Education to Tribes on Pesticide Issues.*
- D. Support Tribes in sustainable development of programs that incorporate Pesticide oversight.*

<i>Strategies</i>	<i>Tasks</i>	<i>Time Frames</i>	<i>Leads</i>
<i>Increase IPM Programs for Tribes</i>	<i>Increase support of School IPM.</i>	<i>Within 5 years</i>	
<i>Increased outreach and education to all R9 Tribes dealing with Pesticide Issues to improve participation and communication.</i>	<i>Develop templates of IPM Plans, Pesticide Ordinances and Pesticide Plans</i>	<i>Within 24 months</i>	<i>R9 Pesticide Workgroup</i>
<i>Support increased cooperation and funding opportunities</i>	<i>Work with Tribal and State contacts to increase awareness of</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	

<i>with other entities. National Dialogue with other groups on Pesticide Issues.</i>	<i>FIFRA and jurisdictions.</i>		
<i>Provide Tribal access to resources that support development of tribal capacity to minimize and manage pesticides. Tribes and Tribal Pesticide Programs work to identify and overcome barriers to enable tribes to access Tribal Pesticide Programs and Tribal Inspectors training for Federal Credentials.</i>	<i>Provide information and outreach to tribes on pesticide topics via webinars and scheduled trainings. Overcome barriers between R9 Tribal Pesticide Programs and Tribal Inspectors receiving Federal Credentials.</i>	<i>Ongoing Long-term. Need to identify the goals.</i>	<i>Pesticide Workgroup, Region 9 Pesticide Programs</i>

Review of the TPPC Meeting

POPs Treaty

The TPPC has been asked by the Alaskan Representative to prepare another letter regarding persistent organic pollutants and their affects on people in Alaska. A draft letter and possibly resolution is being drafted by the TPPC and will be made available to all tribes. This will be presented to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

7th International IPM Conference

This conference was held in Memphis, TN. It was well done and worth attending. Tribes should try and attend the next meeting. There was very little on what Tribes are doing in IPM.

Example pesticide ordinances

There are a couple of tribes that have example ordinances they are willing to share. Once they are received and altered they will be shared with other tribes.

Other/Events/Meetings - All

Region 9 Tribal Pesticide Inspector Training-Chandler, AZ, June 12-14, 2012:

- Training is open to all Region 9 Tribes.
- Contact Jazmine Montiel (jasmine.montiel@itcaonline.com) or Africa Dorame-Avalos (Africa.Dorame-Avalos@itcaonline.com) for additional information at the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA).
- Must register by May 14, 2012.
- Hotel reservations at Wild Horse Pass and Casino must be made by May 12, 2012.