

# INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES MEETING

March 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

10:00 a.m. via WebEx Meeting

**Phone:** 1-312-535-8110 \* **Meeting # Access Code:** 245-094-34263 \* **Password:** #

## In Attendance--

## Members:

- Brad Beaver (IDOA)
- Erin Holmes, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- Maria Turner, U of I – PSEP
- Joseph Spencer, Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS)
- Tom Gargrave, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)
- Olafimihan Ajayi, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- Mark Liska, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

## Others Present:

- Jane Wolschlag – GROWMARK
- Sarah Hughson – U of I PSEP
- Chris Young - IDNR
- Michael Woods – IDOA
- Suzanne Moss - IDOA
- Kari Noyes, Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)
- Lauren Lurkins – Farm Bureau

Absent: - none

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

The agenda for the meeting is included as Attachment 1.

The minutes from the Sept 23, 2021 were distributed electronically prior to this meeting. On a motion from Joe Spencer, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Erin Holmes, the full minutes of the meetings were approved.

## INCIDENT REPORTS:

|                 |   |                                                         |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------|
| IDA             | - | none to report                                          |
| IDNR            | - | none to report                                          |
| IEPA            | - | none to report                                          |
| IDPH            | - | none to report                                          |
| IDOT            | - | none to report – busy getting highway drivers licensed. |
| Univ.of IL/PSEP | - | none to report                                          |
| INHS            | - | none to report                                          |

**SECTION 24(c) REQUESTS:**

- Prevathon/Vantacor for use on old world boll worm asking for Cook/DuPage counties

**SECTION 18 REQUESTS: (Emergency Exceptions)**

- None

**COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY COMPLIANCE (IEPA):** None to report.**SECTION 2(ee) RECOMMENDATIONS: (see attachments)**

- Aquila XR
- Densicor Fungicide
- Mauler/Select/Valor/Fierce – burn down
- Orondis Gold 200 and Orondis Gold B – on potato
- Orondis Gold 200 and Ridomil Gold SL – on potato
- Orondis Gold 200 and Ridomil Gold SL – tank mix
- Ortho Home Defense – Spotted Lantern Fly
- Xyway LFR

**PESTICIDE MISUSE COMPLAINT STATUS:**

2021 season has 362 cases, 328 of which are ag related. 181 are Dicamba. IDOA still in process of completing reviews. Over 2600 misuse cases in the last 5 years. Strain on all our resources.

To date:

144 - Closed

69 – Warning Letter

12 - Notice of Fine (1 - \$1000 3- \$750 7- \$500 1 - \$250 )

Remaining 40% of cases are either in the review process or pending return from field staff.

**IDPH STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE:** Several Complaints submitted. All are followed up on and closed with no violation found.

**IL EPA PROGRAM UPDATE** – General NPDES Permit being renewed at the IL State Level with no changes being made to date. The Federal permit was expiring so new permits for states needed to be submitted. Currently at the US EPA level for review. Once renewal received – any agency/party who requested the permit will be receiving it.

**Well Assessment Project:** IDOA working on annual report which provides details on all active wells in the program and determination as to their future. By next meeting will have more details. Looking to obtain funding to replace a handful of these wells that are beyond repair.

**OLD BUSINESS:****DICAMBA:**

- Our special rules have expired as of 12/30/2021. On December 17, 2021 request was made to add a permanent rule which would mirror our special rules for 2021.
  - Do not apply if the air temp in the field exceeds 85 degrees
  - Do NOT apply after June 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Do NOT apply when wind blowing toward adjacent residential areas
  - Must consult Fieldwatch sensitive crop registry before application
  - Do not apply when wind is blowing toward adjacent Illinois Nature Preserves Commission site.

Currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice Process and a meeting scheduled with JCAR 3/22/22 to discuss results of that process. Once that is completed, we should have a permanent rule in place.

- EPA did put out report regarding Dicamba incidents – 3500 total. We submitted 179 alleged Dicamba cases for

2021 but their report states 336. We reported their error and their report acknowledged there may have been some double counting and needs to be reviewed as they were pulling numbers from not only DOA's but other resources. Lauren Lurkins stated this report led to confusion and feels the discrepancies in the numbers are a problem.

- **Online Training & Testing:** 2021/2022 Testing Season – just over 4000 attempts have been completed to date. 73 yesterday alone. Passing rates/scores are same in-person or online.
- Ola (IDPH) asked for more information regarding ProctorU services. Brad will get Ola more info on this. Ola asked about cheating online vs in person. Brad explained the exams are being proctored/recorded so it is much more difficult to cheat online than it is in person. The biggest issue is the internet connectivity in rural areas and people losing connection mid exam.
- PSEP is offering online training only. If the groups USE the training, test scores reflect it. To date there have been roughly 3600 take an online training course. [click HERE for online training website options](#) .
- **In Person Testing:** 5000 tested in person this year. 2 more months of clinics are scheduled. After that, Springfield/DeKalb will be only in person options. [IN PERSON SPRINGFIELD OR DEKALB SIGN UP](#) These testing dates will still be available throughout testing season. We prefer parties sign up so 1) they have the info they need as far as guidelines and locations and 2) Our proctors can determine if additional proctors may be needed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Special Application to Herbicide on Public Lands

- There has been a request to make changes to the allowance in signal word to WARNING from CAUTION. We have sent a proposal to JCAR.

**Enlist Product Renewal** –The product review went thru full endangered species review so US EPA is more likely to be approved for a 7-year renewal. Currently – there are no counties in IL where Enlist cannot be used. Lauren Lurkin asked brad to clarify if any IL counties are added to the “do not use” list. Brad asked US EPA for clarification on how IDOA will get information regarding changes to the label to include IL counties. USEPA said they would inform us but did not specify as to how that information would be received. IDOA did not have a large # of Misuse Complaints involving Enlist in the 2021 season. **NOTE:** This product renewal is one of the first to go through the new US EPA product review, which includes a full endangered species review down to specific counties so the process will take longer. The new review process will state specific counties where a product cannot be used.

**Chlorpyrifos** – US EPA denied objections received to revoke food tolerance. These products are not banned but since use will be limited, there could be an increase in the need for proper disposal. US EPA Noted: for disposal issues, contact your states. IL has asked for additional funding for the disposal/removal of these products thru our Clean Sweep Program.

Brad attended a meeting with IL EPA and other agencies regarding **Fish Monitoring Program**. Testing for PCB's, Mercury, PFAS in fish being sold for consumption. [CLICK HERE for more details](#).

### Questions and Comments:

- Lauren Lurkins – Farm Bureau has FIELDWATCH / DRIFTWATCH on all media platforms.

Brad Beaver called a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Maria Turner 1<sup>st</sup>

Olafimihan Ajayi 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 11:03am

**Next meeting will be Thursday June 2,2022 10am**