



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