



Update on PPDC Public Health Workgroup

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Public Health Workgroup: 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 Workgroup: Process

- The workgroup defined three critical roles for its interactions with EPA
 - Advisory panel for EPA to seek FACA advice or input
 - Portal for stakeholders to bring issues of concern to EPA
 - Forum to discuss items of common interest about public health pests and their control
- Parts of each meeting are devoted to each



Public Health Workgroup: So Far

- Workgroup allows broader stakeholder engagement on public health issues
- Issues we've addressed in the past
 - Repellency graphic
 - Efficacy guidelines (process and changes)
 - Communication materials (most recently bed bug strategy, web page revisions)
 - Regulatory issues (tick IPM, availability of bed bug products, labeling)



Public Health Workgroup: Future

- Numerous ongoing/future opportunities
 - Communicating risk for products packaged as concentrates (valuable input from last meeting)
 - IPM activities for tick control and residential pests
 - Potentially updating/clarifying role of pest list (PR Notice 2002-1)
 - Resistance issues/communication (particularly for mosquito control)
- Valuable forum for stakeholders to raise issues of concern regarding PH pests



Public Health Workgroup: Summary

- By focusing only on public health initiatives, workgroup engages more effectively and efficiently
- Workgroup is a valuable resource for OPP
 - FACA umbrella allows broader input into OPP activities than available in other venues
 - Provides a knowledgeable and focused group of stakeholders to efficiently address PH issues