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