

PPDC Incidents Work Group  
Kick-off Meeting  
October 6, 2015

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. Introductions

EPA Attendees: Jackie Mosby, Richard Dumas, Melissa Panger, Bob Miller, Nick Mastrotta, Shanna Recore, Helene Ambrozino, Katy Wilcoxon, Fabiola Estrada, Margaret Jones and Amy Mysz

Workgroup Attendees: Michele Colopy, Capt. Geoffrey Calvert, Tom Delaney, Nichelle Harriott, Dr. Matthew Keifer, Valentin Sanchez, Donald Taylor, Virginia Ruiz, Cindy Palmer, John Peckham, Brett Hartl, Lacey Babnik, Cheryl Cleveland, Ray McAllister, and Jeffrey Rogers

### 2. Opening Remarks (Jackie Mosby)

Jackie Mosby provided overview of the OPP Incident Workgroup, the incident data elements, and need for input from PPDC.

### 3. Overview Of OPP's Incidents Workgroup (Melissa Panger)

For our purposes, an incident is defined as any unintended exposure or harm resulting from pesticide use.

Melissa discussed the four ways that OPP uses incident reports:

- i. Risk assessments
- ii. Identify Problems
- iii. Risk management decision
- iv. Rule making

OPP wants to create an improved pesticide incident data system that will be useful beyond OPP.

Activities that the workgroup has completed thus far include:

- Guidance on the use of incident data in OPP
- **Beginning "clean-up"** of the 6(a)(2) rule
- Creation of a new web EPA page on reporting of pesticide incidents

- Planning of an improved incident database with improved capabilities for entering data, obtaining information, and generating reports.

Rich Dumas added that we are also interested in identifying and **“mining” new** sources of incident data, and making IT improvements to allow internal and external incidents systems to better **“talk to each other.”**

## 1. Future Meetings (Richard Dumas)

Rich discussed the goals of the next several meetings that will be focused on reviewing the data elements of incident reporting.

A workgroup in OPP has been defining a set of data elements (database fields) for collecting complete information on incidents of various types. The charge of the PPDC workgroup is to comment on and provide input on the draft set of data elements for each type of incident. The types of incidents are:

- Human health
- Pets and domestic animals
- Fish and wildlife
- Plants
- Insect pollinators

Will be sending you our draft list of data elements. We would like to start evaluating data elements, starting with human health, and be prepared to discuss the human health data elements at the next meeting.

OPP would like for the PPDC to rank the importance of collecting each data element as low (1), medium (2), or high (3).

OPP would like the PPDC Incident Workgroup to report back to the full PPDC during the spring PPDC meeting.

## 2. Meeting logistics.

- a. Two participants (Matt and Jeff) voiced a preference for having 1-hour meetings over 2-hour meetings
- b. Meetings should be no earlier than 11 AM EST (8 AM for the West Coast)
- c. Some participants suggested that EPA provides more information on how they plan to use epidemiology data on adverse pesticide

effects.

EPA responded that the immediate focused of the workgroup is to identify and define the incident data elements. There are no plans for evaluating or revising the way that incident data are used at this stage. Our focus for now will be on obtaining best quality information and making it readily available to risk assessors and risk managers.

EPA noted that human health and ecological incident data are **currently used extensively in the EPA's risk assessments and risk management decisions**. EPA will provide a brief summary of how incident information is currently used by the Agency at the beginning of the next meeting. [Note from Nick: This was mentioned, but we could also send out written documentation on how incident data are used.]

- d. Cynthia Palmer recommended that the team coordinate the development of data elements and the incident database with the **USGS's IMRS database of bird and bat mortality incidents** bats. Melissa said that she will follow up and try to get a representative from FWS to participate on the workgroup.
- e. Several persons stated that they have conflicts with the proposed time of the next meeting. One person noted the **conflict with the "Risk 21" workgroup and suggested that those** two meetings be separated by at least a half hour. Another participant noted a conflict with the Integrated Pest Management meeting. Another participant notes a conflict with the 1:30 to 3:00 time span.

EPA will use a Doodle Poll to try to find a time for the next meeting **that fits with people's schedules as well as possible**. They will also check with the PPDC coordinator to find an alternate time.

- f. Ray McAllister of CropLife America asked if he could invite other members of CropLife to participate in future meetings. Rich replied that these will be open meetings, so the answer is yes.

3. Next Meeting:  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Room: PYN-4830  
Time: TBA