

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
07/15/2020
Call Notes – Final
Call in number: 202-991-0477, Pass Code 6135015#

Roll call:

Tribes (9)

- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Andrea Mitchell, Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- Carol Kriebs, Kootenai Tribe
- Dana Hopkins, Chickahominy Tribe

Tribal Organizations (2)

- Dara Renee Marks-Marion, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

EPA (5)

- Emily Ryan, EPA/OPP
- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Lauren LePoint, EPA/OPP
- Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OPP
- Amanda Hauff, EPA/OCSP

Other (3)

- Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Continuing and Professional Education
- Bob Gruenig, TPPC
- Liza Fleeson Trossbach, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Reported in advance as absent (1)

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs

1. Welcome/Introductions (00:00 - 00:05)

Jasmine Brown, Vice Chair, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for the 11 tribes and tribal organization representatives.

2. EPA Updates (Emily, Amanda, Peter, et. al.) (00:05 - 00:15)

Emily Ryan, EPA/OPP – the EPA Tribal Team welcomes a new member, Lauren LePoint, who just started at EPA 2 weeks ago/ Lauren joins EPA from the US Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service. While there she covered trade policy and is happy to join the team at OPP and to learn more about the domestic regulatory system.

OPP is still working with the new grantee (ITEP) to finalize the workplan and budget with EPA's Grants Office. Emily will keep everyone posted once there are more updates to share.

OPP recently wrapped up final Tribal Consultations for C&T in Indian Country. The comment period is open until August 3, 2020

Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OPP – Rachel reports she received an inquiry from Bob Gruenig about the necessary disclaimer EPA wants to see in the final Status Report. EPA is still working on this and will get back to Bob soon.

Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA –

A few weeks ago Helen's office issued compliance advisories to remind folks about regulatory or statutory requirements related to FIFRA. OECA is working on information about UV light appliances and COVID efficacy.

Martha from Office of Compliance sent to a memo to tribal partnership chairs - FIFRA STAG cooperative agreements, letter is meant to reassure that des to stay-at-home orders that inspection commitments are affected across the board (EPA, States, territories, tribes.) EPA encourages folks to remain safe and only do onsite inspections when able to do so.

Amanda Hauff, EPA/OCSP

- EPA is hosting webinars in assisting risks to bees from pesticides and is offering a 2-part webinar series in July. They welcome TPPC members to attend.
- EPA has identified Lysol spray as able to combat COVID 19 and sent out a notice.
- Outside conferences - TLEF is open for registration. EPA has sent notice on that and encouraged to attend. ITEP is managing a climate conference in September. EPA sent notices to TPPC on this.??? EPA will be working on tribal outreach on national program guidance and looks forward to touching bases with the tribes this fall.

3. National Tribal Air Association Presents the Status of Tribal Air Report (Dara Renee Marks-Marion, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals) (00:15 – 00:45)

[Refer to the slides from this presentation for more information.]

- Link to the Status of Tribal Air Report: <https://www.ntaatribalair.org/status-of-tribal-air-report/>

Carol Kriebs and Dara Marks-Marion are active members working on the STAR (Status of Tribal Air Report) and gave an overview of the report. They expect to make adjustments annually to include things that go on throughout the year. TPPC members had an opportunity to ask questions about aspects of the report. The group expressed kudos to the NTAA for all their hard work on the report and outreach.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne) (00:45 – 00:50)

- a) Administrative
 - Website technical issues with a corrupted WP data file. Fixed now.
 - Spending time on the Status Report workgroup and coordinating with the report formatter on timeline.
 - Worked with the EPA tribal team to explore the options for the use of the carryover funds we have been discussing on former calls. Options selected by the TPPC include: 1) hiring a consultant to do a literature search to assist the TPPC in screening level risk assessment collaboration with HED; 2) funding for bed bug training kits for tribal nations; 3) reserving funding for a limited number of printed copies of the Status Report for tribes.
 - Topics for upcoming calls - ideas?

4. AAPCO/SFIREG Label Improvement Project (Liza Fleeson Trossbach) (00:50 – 01:15)

[Refer to the slides from this presentation for more information.]

This project was the brainchild of Rose Kachadoorian, the immediate past president of AAPCO, who was passionate about labels. Regulators have been having issues and concerns about labels over the past many decades. It's a project for total label improvement as opposed to piece meal approach. Instead of reviewing bad labels, the idea is to look at labels as a whole and ensure standardization, consistency and accuracy of labels, readability, provide examples of excellent labels. There are ~19,000 approved labels nationally so this will take a long time to achieve. The project is overseen by a project manager and it will be moved along by the use of teams. AAPCO, SFIREG, EPA staff will put together this overarching plan for label improvement.

5. ASPCRO Training Opportunities for TPPC (Liza Fleeson Trossbach) (01:15 – 01:40)

In her capacity with the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials, Liza joined the TPPC in March 2020 and indicated her interest in serving tribes' needs in the way of structural pest control training. Liza joined the call today to continue that conversation and talked about possible scenarios and options for training needs, pending TPPC interest. The group agreed this is of interest and to continue to pursue once the new grantee is on board and it's clearer as to when and where the in-person TPPC forums would occur.

6. Updates from Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report Workgroup (Bob) (01:40 – 01:50)

Bob thanked the NTAA folks for their updates on the STAR report and how it's considered a living document. Bob encouraged the TPPC to collaborate with the NTAA on updating their report.

Timeline: 9/30/20 distribution date. The last month has had several hauls and it took great length to incorporate comments from TPPC and EPA. An updated version of the report was shared 7/5/20 and they had a call yesterday and workgroup members agreed to give them another week to review and provide comments. The workgroup agreed that the report tone had changed in a good way. The intent is to get a draft complete by the end of July. Bob wants to make it available to folks in advance of distribution with the understanding that there will be no more edits on this.

7. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All) (01:50 – 02:00)

CIBA has a new executive director and we hope to invite her to join us on a future call.

CSKT has new COVID restrictions which means no more than 10 workers at a time due to COVID. This may extend the working season for them.

8. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST

Andrea from Cocopah will report out on local information on how COVID restrictions are impacting harvests, group housing, and how workers are being transported to the field.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jul 23, 2020: PACT Webinar: Applicator Certification and Training - Antimicrobial/Disinfectants: COVID19 and Beyond
- Aug 3-5, 2020: Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training (PACT) Biennial Conference (POSTPONED)
- Aug 17-21, 2020: ASPCRO Annual Meeting (CANCELLED)
- Aug 24-27, 2020: PREP: Compliance and Enforcement Management PREP (moved to online)
- Sept 14-17, 2020: PREP: Comprehensive Combo Course (moved to online)
- Sept 21-22, 2020: SFIREG Joint Working Committees Meeting, location TBD
- Sept 28–October 2, 2020: Basic Inspector Training PIRT, Savannah, GA
- Oct 2020 (dates TBD): Region 3 FIFRA Inspectors Workshop
- Oct 20-22, 2020: PREP: Senior Executive Program Management Course, Davis, CA

- Nov 4-5, 2020: Region 5 Pre-SFIREG, Chicago, IL
- Nov 16-19, 2020: PREP: Registration & Re-evaluation Course, Arlington, VA (rescheduled from May 2020)
- Nov 17-18, 2020: Region 10 Pesticide Directors Meeting with SLAs and Tribes, Seattle, WA
- Dec 7-8, 2020: Full SFIREG Meeting, Arlington, VA