



Minutes

Pesticide Advisory Board Meeting

March 9, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jessica Lenker, Larry Shrawder, Joe Demko, Don Eggen, Beth Gugino, Tim McGinty, Lisa Murphy, Bob Williamson, Michael Myers, Ken Martin, Sally Holbert, Martin Overline and Matthew Persons

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Don Gilbert, Daniel Duer, James Cunningham, Sharon Gripp, Matt Helwig, Gregg Robertson, Katerina Coffman, Fred Strathmeyer, Destiny Zeiders, Brian Thomas and Rosa Yoo.

A motion to approve the December 14, 2022, minutes was made by Bob Williamson and second by Ken Martin.

Potential change to rodenticide labels:

Martin Overline provided an update on the proposed changes to rodenticide labels made by the EPA.

- Some rodenticides will become an RUP, a license will be needed for purchase of any product over 4lbs.
- Safety requirements will change by wearing a respirator and protective hand gear.
- After applying product, you are required to follow up daily to remove dead carcasses.

PA Dept of Ag Program Updates:

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture program specialists gave pertinent program updates. See attached presentations for complete update.

Jessica Lenker, Division Chief of Health and Safety provided updates and reminders regarding new ruling of the WPS, bilingual labels, PDA regulation, exam sessions, pesticide certification, and applicator numbers for 2022.

Jim Cunningham, Pesticide Environmental Programs Specialist, provided data from the 2022 ChemSweep, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), and Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling (PPCR) programs, including pesticide and plastic pounds collected per location. The 2023 ChemSweep and HHW schedule was provided. The program changes for the 2023 season with step-by-step instructions was reviewed. The program map was introduced for future collections and the plastic pesticide container recycling program results from 2022 and new web information was presented.

Daniel Duer, Pesticide Registration Specialist, provided an update on pesticide registration and the endangered species act explaining all 4 strategies to consider from the EPA and the work plan update from Nov 2022.

Don Gilbert, Pesticide Enforcement Specialist, provided data on compliance & enforcement from 7/1/2012 to 6/30/2022 with a total of 496 pesticide related inspections & investigations from the PDA, most common violations were 25 drift and handling related cases, 79 enforcement actions were taken consisting of 47 civil penalties, 14 notices of warning, and 18 requests for compliance. He also gave information on general use vs restricted use of dicamba and CY drift cases for 2022.

Board Member Roundtable:

Don Eggen is retiring in March 2023, Rosa Yoo will be his replacement.

Bob Williamson is retiring in March 2023, Brian Thomas will be his replacement.

Public Comment Period: None

Ken Martin made motion to adjourn and Don Eggen second the motion.

Next meeting June 14th, 2023