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The CSCC Mission:

"To work together to foster a positive regulatory environment focusing on pest management and stewardship that supports the success of CSCC growers."

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Webinar on Neonicotinoids
May 8 @ Noon
2009 MRL Workshop
June 3 & 4 @ SF
2009 Specialty Crops Tour
July 13 -17
CSCC Technical Committee
August 20 @ Watsonville
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November 19

CSCC 2009 MRL Workshop June 2009

International Leadership from Industry, Trade and Regulatory Agencies



The CSCC is pleased to announce our 4th annual MRL Workshop in San Francisco. A truly outstanding group of speakers on the topic of residue issues has been assembled. The 2009 program has been expanded to include internationally recognized experts from Canada, Australia, the EU and the US Embassy in Tokyo. There will be formal presentations plus ample time for sidebar conversations during the reception. 6.5 PCA credits available through CDPR.

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 8:00 AM to 5 PM plus Evening Reception

Thursday, June 4, 2009 8:00 AM to Noon

Meeting Location: Holiday Inn, Fisherman's Wharf, SF

For registration and hotel info, go to:

<http://specialtycrops.org> and click on MRL Workshop...on-line registration only

Workshop Overview

Trade in 2009 and Beyond – The Outlook for US Agriculture *USDA-FAS*

MRLs – An Overview *Dan Fay, Valent Corporation*

Codex Alimentarius - Setting Global Standards *Ian Reichstein, Natl. Residue Survey, Australian Govt.*

EPA Activities - Partnerships and Coordination *Lois Rossi, Director, Registration Division, US EPA*

EU Issues - Evolving Boundaries and Regulations *Frédéric Rosseneu, Freshfel Europe*

Canadian MRL Issues - Harmonization and Prioritization *Canadian Pest Mgmt. Reg. Authority (PMRA)*

Japanese MRLs - Issues and Concerns *Steve Wixsom, Ag Attache, US Embassy, Tokyo*

Taiwan MRLs – 2009 Minor Crop Farmer Alliance Delegation *Mike Willett, Northwest Hort. Council*

Practical Considerations - Field Decisions: *Grower and PCA Panel*

MRL Database Overview and Demonstration *Sven-Erik Nielsen, Bryant-Christie International*

Invasive Pest Update and New Electronic Phyto Certification System *USDA-APHIS-PPQ*

IR-4 Global Minor Use Summit Follow-up/ Planning for 2010 Meeting in Australia *IR-4*

Methyl Bromide Update/ Emerging QPS and Production Issues *Ed Ruckert, Crop Protection Coalition*

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System NPDES: EPA is declining to appeal a key pesticide ruling that requires pesticide sprayers to seek Clean Water Act (CWA) permits and will instead ask the court for a two-year stay to allow it time to develop permits. The ag and pesticide industry have asked the court to reverse its ruling and conduct hearings. Environmentalists say they will oppose agency efforts to seek a stay. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has urged EPA to exempt some spraying activities from CWA permit requirements. The new ruling held that pesticide spraying is a point source discharge that requires a permit. On April 10, Governor Schwarzenegger sent a letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, requesting reconsideration of the direction of the Agency, citing critical interests in our state related to agriculture, invasive species, public health, and vector control.

Neonicotinoid Reevaluation DPR has announced a reevaluation of certain neonicotinoid insecticides due to hazards to bees. The reevaluation was triggered by a report from Bayer which indicated that residues of imidacloprid could concentrate in treated trees and last for long periods of time. Data requirements include residue studies in nectar and pollen from 9 treated crops in different soil types and studies on lethal and sub-lethal effects to adult bees and brood. DPR is coordinating with both EPA and PMRA Canada on the investigation of neonicotinoid impacts to bees.

May 8 Noontime Webinar to Review Neonicotinoids

The next CSCC brownbag seminar will cover recent developments on the neonicotinoid family of insecticides. This group of compounds includes Applaud, Assail, Gaucho, and others. Mr. Scott Kohne, Government and Technical Affairs Manager for Bayer CropScience will review the current status of reviews going on at the CDPR and US EPA levels.

Details to be published separately



Fumigants EPA is still finalizing the 2009 allocation rule for critical use of methyl bromide. The rule has been sent to OMB for approval and EPA hopes to have the rule in place soon. The draft rule proposed a significant reduction in new production MB from the amount approved by the Montreal Protocol. EPA is trying to force depletion of MB from existing stocks. Commenters have opposed the reduction and some increase in allowable production of new MB in the final rule is expected. There will be at least a 60% reduction in Telone available in the first half of 2009 according to Dow AgroSciences sources. The shortage has been caused by a reduction in demand for a co-produced product and issues at the production facility. The EPA fumigant RED covering metam sodium, metam potassium, methyl bromide and chloropicrin is expected to be published in May. However, EPA has previously stated that final buffer zone determinations will probably not be included at this time, due to the fact that additional emissions studies are still in progress. DPR is projecting a decision on the registration of iodomethane by the end of 2009. If the decision is to register the Midas® product, it would not be immediately available as DPR will begin developing mitigation measures in early 2010.

Pyrethroid Evaluation For agricultural uses of pyrethroid products, DPR has proposed more data requirements which the Pyrethroid Working Group is currently analyzing. The requirements include extensive studies on factors contributing to runoff or control of runoff of pyrethroids. Another set of data on mitigation effectiveness is also proposed. One PWG scientist estimated that 136 studies could be needed to fulfill the DPR wish list. Additional studies on source identification and mitigation of pyrethroid runoff in urban environments are also proposed.

VOCs VOC 3 Regulations have been sent to the Office of Administrative Law for approval. DPR's Final Statement of Reasons (SOR) deals with CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) questions which could indicate that DPR expects a legal challenge with respect to CEQA compliance. The SIP and regulatory commitment set forth in the regulations is for a maximum of 18.1 tons per day (tpd) of VOC emissions from pesticides in the San Joaquin Valley regardless of pest pressures, cropping patterns, or other factors. It is anticipated that a regulatory proposal dealing with non-fumigant pesticides containing emulsifiable concentrates will come out in 2010. The SOR also states that if methyl bromide and the MITC generators are removed from the emissions inventory, the benchmarks identified in the regulations and proposed 2007 SIP will no longer be meaningful targets.

Air Monitoring Network DPR announced at the last Pesticide Registration and Evaluation Committee (PREC) meeting in March that they are planning to set up a network to sample ambient air for multiple pesticides in several communities on a regular schedule, over five or more years. DPR indicates it will use the data to evaluate and improve protective measures against pesticide exposure. DPR wants to use the PREC as one forum to get comments of the planning and setting up of the network.

NASS Survey Reinstated The National Ag Statistics Survey (NASS), which has provided data useful in risk assessments for EPA has been re-established through new funding made available through USDA. Late last year, the Department announced that it would cut funding for this program. Ag interests, as well as environmental and worker rights activists, opposed the discontinuation of this program. The Minor Crop Farmer Alliance (MCFA) received this positive news in a letter from Acting Deputy Under Secretary Katherine R. Smith in response to a letter sent to Secretary Vilsack. This correspondence also indicated that USDA will consider broadening the role of USDA's Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP) in developing environmental policies (Formerly Al Jennings's (ret.) office...now under Teung Chen.)

Sustainability: McDonald's, the largest buyer of potatoes in the United States, has agreed to survey and promote best practices in pesticide use reduction within its American potato supply chain. Through the agreement, McDonald's has committed to survey its current U.S. potato suppliers and compile a list of best practices in pesticide reduction.

Bob Ehn, CA Onion and Garlic Research Advisory Board Named New CSCC Technical Committee Chair Bob Ehn was selected as Technical Committee Chair at the March 4 Technical Committee meeting in Sacramento. Bob, a graduate of Colorado State (BS/MS), began his professional career as an agronomist and 4-H agent; from there he proceeded to the ag chem and fertilizer business. Bob brings tremendous depth to the CSCC through many activities in the regulatory arena; his consulting company (R3 Ag Consulting, LLC) specializes in regulatory affairs, protocol development for residue testing, product performance investigations, and preparation of registration packages (Sec 3, 24C, and 18). Bob can be reached at 559.297.9322 or robertehn@sbcglobal.net.



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