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AMHI Complex, 90 Blossom Lane, Deering Building, Room 319, Augusta, Maine

AGENDA

8:30 AM

1. Introductions of Board and Staff

2. Minutes of the October 24, 2014 Board Meeting

Presentation By: Henry Jennings
Director

Action Needed: Amend and/or Approve

3. Consideration of a Board Policy Covering Acceptable Notification Methods for Commercial Pesticide Applications under Category 6B to Trails and Sidewalks

At the October 24, 2014 meeting, the Board provisionally adopted amendments to Chapter 28, Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications. These amendments will require commercial applicators controlling vegetation on sidewalks or trails under commercial licensing category 6B to provide notice consistent with Board policy. Since these amendments require legislative approval, it may be prudent for the Board to adopt the policy prior to the legislative review process in case there are questions about the Board's intentions. The Board will review the staff's draft and brainstorm ideas about appropriate notification procedures for trails and sidewalks.

Presentation By: Henry Jennings
Director

Action Needed: Review/Approve Draft Policy

4. Consideration of a Board Policy Covering Acceptable Methods for Commercial Applicators to Positively Identify the Proper Treatment Site

At the October 24, 2014 meeting, the Board adopted an amendment to Chapter 20 which codifies a longstanding policy and will require commercial applicators to positively identify the proper treatment site using methods approved by Board policy. The existing policy needs to be slightly updated to reflect the fact that the basic requirement is now contained in rule.

Presentation By: Henry Jennings
Director

Action Needed: Review/Approve Draft Policy

5. Consideration of a Request for Granting Continuing Education Credits for an Online Training Program

The Board received a request to grant continuing education credits for an online training course detailing the uses of Turfcide fungicide. Historically, the staff has only approved continuing education credits for presentations made by pesticide manufacturers and distributors if it includes a comprehensive review of the precautionary components of the label, such as PPE and reentry requirements, and environmental hazards. The presentation in question is focused primarily on the efficacy and uses of the product. Consequently, the staff is seeking Board input on how to best handle this and similar requests.

Presentation By: Gary Fish
Manager of Pesticide Programs

Action Needed: Provide Guidance to Staff on Whether to Grant Credits for Training

6. Consideration of a Consent Agreement with Servicios Sanchez, Inc., of East Boston, Massachusetts

On June 3, 1998 the Board amended its Enforcement Protocol to authorize staff to work with the Attorney General and negotiate consent agreements in advance on matters not involving substantial threats to the environment or public health. This procedure was designed for cases where there is no dispute of material facts or law, and the violator admits to the violation and acknowledges a willingness to pay a fine to resolve the matter. This case involved application of pesticides inconsistent with the label by a person without a valid certification or applicator's license.

Presentation By: Raymond Connors
Manager of Compliance

Action Needed: Approve/Disapprove the Consent Agreement Negotiated by Staff

7. Consideration of a Consent Agreement with Mosquito Squad of Southern Maine of Rye, New Hampshire

On June 3, 1998 the Board amended its Enforcement Protocol to authorize staff to work with the Attorney General and negotiate consent agreements in advance on matters not involving substantial threats to the environment or public health. This procedure was designed for cases where there is no dispute of material facts or law, and the violator admits to the violation and acknowledges a willingness to pay a fine to resolve the matter. This case involved commercial application to property without consent of the owner.

Presentation By: Raymond Connors
Manager of Compliance

Action Needed: Approve/Disapprove the Consent Agreement Negotiated by Staff

8. Consideration of a Consent Agreement with Petro's Ace Hardware of Auburn, Maine

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Presentation By: Raymond Connors
Manager of Compliance

Action Needed: Approve/Disapprove the Consent Agreement Negotiated by Staff

9. Presentation on State Specific Managed Pollinator Protection Plans

The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in collaboration with other federal agencies, is developing a series of measures designed to improve protection of pollinators from pesticide-related risks. One of the proposed measures involves development of state-specific plans for protecting managed pollinators. The advantage of state plans is that it allows states to tailor protections to match specific local needs and conditions, while avoiding the potential pitfalls of a one-size-fits-all standard. The staff will provide an overview of the state-specific protection plans.

Presentation By: Gary Fish
Manager of Pesticide Programs

Action Needed: None—Informational Only

10. Interpretation of CMR 01-026, Chapter 10, Section 2 (P) (2), Definition of Property Open to Use by the Public

State statutes define pesticide applications made to property open to use by the public as commercial applications requiring a licensed applicator. Section 2 (P) (2) of Chapter 10 defines property open to use by public while exempting property “where the public has not been permitted upon the property at any time within seven days of when the property received a pesticide application.” This exemption has been used for different outdoor purposes but the most common use is by land trusts to treat for invasive plants when they post the treated area and indicate the area (but not the entire “property”) is temporarily closed to the public. The staff has received a question from a hotel owner who interprets that exemption as applying to hotel rooms provided that the room is not occupied for seven days following the pesticide application. Because indoor pesticide applications present unique risks to persons using the indoor space, the staff would like guidance on how to interpret the Chapter 10 definition.

Presentation By: Gary Fish
Manager of Pesticide Programs

Action Needed: Provide Guidance on Interpretation of the Chapter 10 Definition

11. Formation of an Advisory Committee to Develop Guidelines Related to the Issuance of Variance Permits for Spraying Railroads Adjacent

At the May 16, 2014 meeting, the Board granted a one-year variance from Section 6 of Chapter 29 to Asplundh Tree Expert Company—Railroad Division to make broadcast herbicide applications less than 25 feet from surface water. At that time, the Board also directed the staff to develop guidelines/criteria for issuance of railroad variances prior to next season. The staff will present some ideas about forming a small committee to develop draft guidelines for Board consideration.

Presentation By: Henry Jennings
Director

Action Needed: Provide Guidance to Staff

12. Other Old or New Business

a. Other?

13. Schedule of Future Meetings

January 14 (Maine Agricultural Trades Show), March 13, April 24, and June 5, 2015 are tentative Board meeting dates. The Board will decide whether to change and/or add dates.

Action Needed: Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

14. Adjourn

NOTES

- The Board Meeting Agenda and most supporting documents are posted one week before the meeting on the Board website at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org.
- Any person wishing to receive notices and agendas for meetings of the Board, Medical Advisory Committee, or Environmental Risk Advisory Committee must submit a request in writing to the Board's office. Any person with technical expertise who would like to volunteer for service on either committee is invited to submit their resume for future consideration.
- On November 16, 2007, the Board adopted the following policy for submission and distribution of comments and information when conducting routine business (product registration, variances, enforcement actions, etc.):
 - *For regular, non-rulemaking business*, the Board will accept pesticide-related letters, reports, and articles. Reports and articles must be from peer-reviewed journals. E-mail, hard copy, or fax should be sent to the attention of Anne Chamberlain, at the Board's office or anne.chamberlain@maine.gov. In order for the Board to receive this information in time for distribution and consideration at its next meeting, all communications must be received by 8:00 AM, three days prior to the Board meeting date (e.g., if the meeting is on a Friday, the deadline would be Tuesday at 8:00 AM). Any information received after the deadline will be held over for the next meeting.
- During rulemaking, when proposing new or amending old regulations, the Board is subject to the requirements of the APA (Administrative Procedures Act), and comments must be taken according to the rules established by the Legislature.