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PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on November 30, 2018 at the Richard Cronin Building located at 1 Rabbit Hill Road in Westborough, MA.

A. ROLL CALL

Bob Mann, National Landscape Association of Landscape Professionals	Present
Jarred DeBettencourt, Minuteman Pest Control	Present
Bob Leon, General Environmental Services & New England Pest Management Association	Present
George Williams, Univar	Present
Russ Bragg, Tree Tech	Present

The Council did meet or exceed the minimum number (5) of members present to form a quorum and conduct business.

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT:

Taryn LaScola, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

C. Whiting Rice

DOCUMENT(S) PRESENTED:

Agenda

Draft minutes from the September 14, 2018 meeting

Draft Updated Termite Consumer Information Bulletin

B. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Motion: B. Mann motion to accept the minutes provided the Department

Second: B. Leon

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

C. PESTICIDE ENFORCEMENT UPDATES

T. LaScola provided the following pesticide program updates to the council:

- Enforcement is continuing to finish complaints
- The production of the pesticide product registration online system continues to move forward. The Department would like it to be live for the next renewal season.
- The Department released a pesticide advisory relative to the pesticide use on cannabis. The advisory provides guidance to grower on what can and can't be used along with providing the reasoning behind the Departments interpretation.

- Pesticide license renewals continue to come into the Department. The volume of calls has decreased significantly. To date, there had been 1500-2000 renewals issued. That number does not take into consideration the renewals that were still in process. The Department has been getting positive comments on the licensing system this year. B. Leon stated that the system worked well this year.

D. TERMITE CONSUMER INFORMATION BULLETING (CIB)

B. Mann provided a document with his comments on it. The Council reviewed the document and Mann's comments and discussed changes. T. LaScola agreed to make changes and bring a new draft to the next meeting.

E. 25B PRODUCTS

The Council discussed their concerns with the use of 25b minimum risk products. There were two suggestions on how to address the concerns. One suggestion was to require a pesticide license to use a 25b product. The second suggestion was to register 25b products. T. LaScola was asked which would be easier for the Department to manage. T. LaScola stated that requiring a license would be less demanding on resources due to the fact that registration would require the Department to review labels, active ingredients and other statement/claims that the product makes. She did note that there are other states in New England that do register the product.

B. Leon and B. Mann stated that they were in favor of making the licensing change. B. Mann stated that he had concerns that labeling on 25b products are not always informational.

F. 333 CMR, SECTION 10

The council discussed potential changes/issues within 333 CMR Section 10. Some of the issues that were discussed were:

- Confusion on definitions/terminology
- Adding a licensing requirement for use of 25b products
- Language "written examination"; does that include the possibility of including electronic exams
- Adding Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) to the section; may need add a definition for these as well
- Possibility of putting language in to address cannabis
- Typos
- Language "filed in person or by mail"; does that include paying online.
- The time restrictions in which an applicator can retake the exam; calendar year or year from the date it was taken
- Fees listed in the regulations are no longer in use; suggested that we use broad language

G. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

H. NEXT MEETING

It was proposed that the next meeting date be scheduled for March 1st, 2019.

I. ADJOURN

Motion: J. Bettencourt motioned to adjourn

Second: G. Williams second

In Favor: All

Opposed: None