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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Formation of a New Workgroup Under the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

FROM: Richard P. Keigwin, Acting Director *Richard P. Keigwin*
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TO: PPDC Members
OPP Deputy Director and Division Directors

At the May 3-4, 2017, PPDC meeting, we discussed and agreed to form a new workgroup to focus on public health issues. The workgroup will be chaired by Arnold E. Layne, Deputy Director, Office of Pesticide Programs. As you may know, the new workgroup will focus on one topic area and cannot be overly broad in scope. Therefore, we are requesting that members from the PPDC not only volunteer for the workgroup, but also provide pertinent topic areas that you would like the workgroup to address. The workgroup can work on any issue (examples include labeling, risk assessment, communications, ticks, mosquitoes, Zika, or any other public health area of concern).

We will need at least one full PPDC member, and no more than 50 percent of the full PPDC membership, to be part of this new workgroup. Our goal is to cap membership at 20 people to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of the group, and include representation from a variety of stakeholder interests. The group will run for one to two years from the group's first meeting. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dea Zimmerman (contact information below) by May 31, 2017. Feel free to forward this information to people outside of the PPDC who you feel would contribute to the workgroup.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information, please contact Dea Zimmerman at zimmerman.dea@epa.gov or by phone at 312-353-6344.

Thank you for your willingness to participate.