

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee Workgroup Update



New Workgroups

- Today the PPDC is forming four new workgroups.
- The intent of this session is to provide you with a bit of context and history regarding PPDC workgroups, and to discuss forming the new groups.



Workgroup Structure and Function

- PPDC workgroups are made up of at least one OPP official, some number of committee members, and may include individuals who are not on the PPDC, who provide expertise and/or balance.
- Workgroups are intended to be focused on very specific, short-term objectives.
- Workgroup recommendations must be adopted by the full committee to be recommended to the agency.



Past PPDC Workgroups

- Over its 25-year history, PPDC has had many workgroups to help inform the committee's work, and which have in turn informed the work of OPP.
- Workgroups in the past have considered issues such as 21st Century toxicology and non-animal testing strategies, integrated pest management, comparative safety statements to improve labels, pesticide spray drift, and many others.



Most Recent PPDC Workgroups

PPDC's two most recent workgroups were a **Public Health Workgroup** and a **Pollinator Protection Plan Metrics Workgroup**.



Public Health Workgroup

- The charge of the public health workgroup was to develop recommendations to the PPDC to help OPP to be able to respond more effectively during emergencies, particularly when it comes to interactions with other agencies and communication materials about pesticides.
- The workgroup delivered on that charge, and at the May 2020 meeting reported out on PPDC's Emergency Preparedness and Action Plan.



Pollinator Protection Plan Metrics Workgroup

The Pollinator Protection Plan Metrics Workgroup was charged with developing:

- 1) recommendations for how to evaluate/measure the effectiveness of state- and tribal-recognized pollinator protection plans at the national level; and,
- 2) a strategy to communicate that effectiveness to the public (defined broadly).
- At the November 2017 meeting, the Workgroup delivered on their charges. They recommended to the full PPDC, measures to evaluate the effectiveness of pollinator protection plans. The committee recommended a survey instrument to EPA.



Workgroup Proposals & New Groups

- At the May 2020 PPDC meeting, the first meeting of the current membership, members discussed forming new workgroups on the types of issues the committee wanted to engage with the agency on.
- After the meeting, OPP received 6 workgroup proposals from PPDC members. OCSPP leadership discussed these ideas in light of the advice needs of the office, and the availability of resources required to coordinate the groups, and decided that of these 6 proposals, 4 will be formed.
- These new workgroups will be on topics of emerging agricultural technologies, emerging pathogens, farmworker and clinician training, and resistance management.



Thank You Workgroup Proposers

- Dr. Mano Basu of CropLife America for proposing an Emerging Agricultural Technologies workgroup
- Komal Jain of the American Chemistry Council for proposing an Emerging Pathogens workgroup
- Dr. David Shaw of Mississippi State University for proposing a Resistance Management workgroup
- Mily Treviño-Sauceda of the Alianza Nacional De Campesinas for proposing a Farmworker and Clinician Training workgroup
- Amy Asmus of the Weed Science Society for proposing a Label Standardization workgroup
- Dr. Joe Grzywacz of Florida State University for proposing a Crosscutting Issues workgroup



Workgroup Chairs

The workgroups will have OPP staff and PPDC member co-chairs.

The following OPP officials will serve as co-chairs; they will also chair the workgroup sessions during this meeting:

- **Dr. Taja Blackburn, Senior Scientist, Antimicrobials Division**
will serve as co-chair for the Emerging Pathogens workgroup
- **Ed Messina, Esq., Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs**
will serve as co-chair for the Emerging Agricultural Technologies workgroup



Workgroup Chairs

- **Carolyn Schroeder, Chief, Certification and Worker Protection Branch; and Steve Schaible, Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) Coordinator**
will serve as co-chairs for the Farmworker and Clinician Training Workgroup
- **Bill Chism, Senior Biologist, Biological and Economic Analysis Division, and Alan Reynolds, Lead Biologist, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division**
will serve as co-chairs for the Resistance Management workgroup



Workgroup Term

The workgroup discussions during this PPDC meeting will focus on ensuring that charge questions position the workgroups to make the most impactful contributions possible, to a specific question or questions, in a measured timeframe.

The goal for these groups is to provide final reports, products, and/or recommendations to the full PPDC at the fall 2021 meeting, date to be determined.



General agenda for workgroup sessions during this meeting:

- OPP Chair will provide background on the topic and discuss current issues.
- Discussion of draft charge questions in light of advice the agency needs and what is within the agency's authority
- Administrative/other aspects to consider
 - Frequency of meetings needed to address charge(s)
 - Max participants for effective decision making
 - People outside of PPDC to recruit for expertise and group balance



Workgroup Membership

- Those interested in joining the workgroups should email Shannon Jewell, with a copy to the group chair. We will provide you the email addresses of the chairs throughout the meeting. If you miss them, just email Shannon and she will forward your messages.
- Members of full PPDC are automatically members of the workgroup, if space permits, though not more than 1/2 the committee.
- OPP will review at the full list of other applicants and work to put together a balanced roster.



To Apply

Send by email to OPP group chair and Shannon Jewell:

- Name
- Organization/Position
- Contact Information
- Stakeholder Viewpoint
- Statement of Interest



Questions?