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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2007  
TO: Board Members  
FROM: John Jemison  
SUBJECT: Committee to Review Plant Incorporated Pesticide Issues

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At the March 16, 2007 Board Meeting, I agreed to organize a subcommittee to review issues the Board had identified relating to Plant Incorporated Pesticides (PIPs), and more specifically, issues relating to Bt Field Corn. I attempted to assemble a balanced group of experts for that purpose, and my proposed committee is as follows:

- John Jemison, Chair; Board Member, with experience with pollen transport - have published work on this topic
- Lauchlin Titus - certified agronomist - works with many potential users of the product
- Eric Sideman - educator and resource specialist for MOFGA
- Andrei Alyokhin - entomologist at the University of Maine - specialty - resistance management
- Jim Dill- pest management specialist
- Lee Humphrey - Board Member, organic farmer and educator

Lebelle has agreed to serve as staff for the committee. The charge of the committee will be to review two issues: refugia to prevent pest resistance and off-site pollen drift. We will review the grower contractual agreements to determine if the registrant's refugia requirements are adequate to guard against the development of insect resistance and/or gene drift. We will also review the scientific literature submitted by the registrant on pollen movement and discuss the risk of off-site pollen drift particularly to organic crop production.