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**December 18, 2015**

**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 November 13, 2015, Board Meeting  
Presentation By: Henry Jennings  
Director  
  
Action Needed: Amend and/or Approve
3. Public Worksession to Discuss Strategies for Promoting Integrated Pest Management with Homeowners

At the November 13, 2015 meeting, the Board discussed public concerns about homeowner pesticide use and explored ideas for promoting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to this audience. The Board directed the staff to invite recipients of pesticide registration revenues to the next Board meeting to discuss their current activities related to homeowner IPM and whether there may be opportunities to expand their roles. The Board further directed the staff to continue the public discussion around enhancing homeowner IPM education at a future Board meeting with an eye toward developing a work-plan for 2016 and beyond.

4. Other Old or New Business
  - a. Email sent to applicators re posting and phone numbers
  - e. Other

5. Schedule of Future Meetings

January 13, 2016, February 19, 2016 and March 25, 2016 are tentative Board meeting dates. The Board will decide whether to change and/or add dates.

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

6. 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](http://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](mailto: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.

**From:** Fish, Gary  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2015 9:50 AM  
**To:** Fish, Gary  
**Cc:** dmorrill@lucastree.com; ceckert@mac.com; jemison@maine.edu; Richard Stevenson; Curtis Bohlen; bruce@ainop.com; clarkgranger@gwi.net  
**Subject:** Important message regarding signs used for posted application notices

## **Important message regarding signs used for posted application notices**

At their last meeting, the Board asked the staff to send a message to all companies licensed to do pesticide applications which require posted notice. The reason for the request relates to a letter sent to the Board about an incident where a person was exposed to freshly applied and wet pesticides on a residential lawn.

When the individual called the contact number listed on the posted sign no one at that number could tell the caller what had been applied; therefore, the individual was not able to share the product name and EPA registration number with either their primary care provider or the Poison Center. The person called three different numbers four times, was transferred multiple times, and still did not get any product information. All this, despite telling the person on the phone that there had been exposure to the product(s).

### **The Board finds this result to be completely unacceptable.**

Although Section 3(B)(2)(d)(v) of Chapter 28 only directs the applicator to post a sign with “the name of the company making the pesticide application and its telephone number”, the Board feels strongly, that the telephone number listed should always be answered by someone who can provide quick answers to individuals who call with concerns about a pesticide application, especially the product name, EPA registration number and the method and rate of application.

Please make sure the telephone number listed on your posted signs will be answered promptly and professionally and the personnel answering the phone know how to quickly get information about an application done on that same day. Although it is rare to have a health reaction to a single pesticide exposure incident, when it does happen we all need to be properly prepared to respond quickly and definitively.

Finally, please make sure you are also following these other Section 3(B)(2) requirements:

- “Areas treated under the categories listed in Section 3B(1) [3A, 3B, 6B, 7A & 7E] shall be posted in a manner and at locations designed to reasonably assure that persons entering

such area will see the notice. Such notice shall be posted before application activities commence and shall remain in place at least two days following the completion of the application.”

If you have any questions, please email back or call me.

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