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University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pest Management Office, 491 College Avenue, Orono, Maine

AGENDA

9:00 AM

1. Introductions of Board and Staff
2. FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Exemption Request for the Use of Revus® as a Potato Seed Piece Treatment

Extreme wet weather and the importation of infected seed potatoes during the 2011 growing season combined to result in a severe outbreak of late blight, *Phytophthora infestans*, on the 2011 Maine potato crop. Saturated soil conditions late in the season facilitated transfer of spores to the tubers. Early testing has confirmed that much of the seed potato supply for 2012 is infected, threatening the 2012 crop year before it's planted. The only recourse for seed borne late blight, which begins very early in the growing season, is crop destruction. Only a highly effective seed treatment can help prevent a catastrophic growing season for 2012. Consequently, the Board's staff has worked with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the product manufacturer, Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC to develop a FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Exemption request for the use of Revus® Fungicide on potato seed pieces. The Board will now consider the request and determine whether to approve it.

Presentation By: Mary Tomlinson
Pesticides Registrar

Action Needed: Approve/Disapprove FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Request

3. 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.
- 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 Paul Schlein, Public Information Officer, at the Board's office. 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.