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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 February 21, 2014 Board Meeting
 Presentation By: Henry Jennings
 Director

 Action Needed: Amend and/or Approve
3. Consideration of the Syngenta Crop Protection Company's Special Local Need [FIFRA Section 24(c)] Registration Request for Dual Magnum, EPA Reg. No. 100-816, to Reduce the Pre-plant Interval in Various Field Crops

Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. is requesting a Special Local Needs Registration for Dual Magnum to reduce the pre-plant interval for various field crops grown in Maine. Certain vegetable crops grown in Maine currently lack efficacious weed management options and the 60 day pre-plant interval is an impediment in this climate. The Maine Cooperative Extension is supporting this request, which has approved for other states.

Presentation By: Mary Tomlinson
 Registrar and Water Quality Specialist

 Action Needed: Approve/Disapprove 24(c) Registration Request

4. Consideration of a Request for Variances from Chapters 22 and 29 from Asplundh Tree Expert Company–Railroad Division, to Treat Railroad Rights-of-way in Maine

Asplundh Tree Expert Company–Railroad Division, is seeking variances from Chapter 22, Section 2(C), Identification of Sensitive Areas, and Chapter 29, Section 6, Buffer Requirements, in order to treat the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad rights-of-way in Maine. Board policy indicates that first-time variance requests must be considered by the Board. Policy further stipulates that railroad variance requests need to be consistent with the Maine Department of Transportation standards.

Presentation By: Henry Jennings
 Director

 Action Needed: Approve/Disapprove the Variance Requests

5. Review of Potential Rulemaking Concepts by Chapter

At the February and March 2014 meetings, the Board reviewed a series of potential rulemaking topics that had been discussed at various times over the previous year. At the March meeting, Board members narrowed the list of rulemaking chapters to 20, 22, 28, 31, 32, 33 and 41. The staff will present a summary of the rulemaking concepts by chapter in order to ensure that there is alignment over the precise nature of the proposed changes, prior to initiating rulemaking.

Presentation By: Henry Jennings
Director

Action Needed: Refine the Rulemaking Concepts

6. Overview of the Board of Pesticides Control Software Application Development Process Underway to Improve Work Flow Efficiency and Constituent Service

In February, the Department entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Information Technology to undertake an information technology (IT) application development process intended to modernize and integrate the Board's IT systems and create an internet interface. Because all work processes are reviewed and analyzed as part of the development, the staff would like to provide an overview of the process to date and seek the Board's input.

Presentation By: Gary Fish
Manager of Pesticide Programs

Action Needed: Provide Input to the Staff

7. Consideration of a Consent Agreement with Remedy Compassion of Auburn, Maine

On June 3, 1998, the Board amended its Enforcement Protocol to authorize staff to work with the Attorney General and negotiate consent agreements in advance on matters not involving substantial threats to the environment or public health. This procedure was designed for cases where there is no dispute of material facts or law, and the violator admits to the violation and acknowledges a willingness to pay a fine to resolve the matter. This case involved use of pesticides inconsistent with the product labels.

Presentation By: Raymond Connors
Manager of Compliance

Action Needed: Approve/Disapprove the Consent Agreement Negotiated by Staff

8. Consideration of a Consent Agreement with Plants Unlimited of Rockport, Maine

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Presentation By: Raymond Connors
Manager of Compliance

Action Needed: Approve/Disapprove the Consent Agreement Negotiated by Staff

9. Review of Board Authority to Direct Staff to Participate in Legislative Hearings and Work Sessions

At the March meeting, Board members expressed the importance of having the staff represent the Board at legislative policy events. At the same time, the Administration exerts supervisory authority over executive branch employees and administers policies covering legislative functions intended to maintain efficient and consistent executive branch participation. The Board has asked Assistant Attorney General Randlett to clarify the Board's authority with respect to staff participation in legislative events.

Presentation By: Mark Randlett, Assistant Attorney General

Action Needed: None, Informational Only

10. Election of Officers

The Board's statute requires an annual election of officers. The members will choose a chair and vice-chair to serve for the coming year.

Presentation By: Henry Jennings
Director

Action Needed: Nominations and Election of Officers

11. Other Old or New Business

- a. ERAC update—L. Hicks
- b. RWC, Inc. variance permits for Chapters 22 and 29 for railroad rights-of-way—H. Jennings
- c. MDOT variance permit for chapter 29 for control of phragmites—H. Jennings
 - Sherman Marsh Phragmites Control On-Going Treatment Plan

12. Schedule of Future Meetings

June 27, August 18, and September 12, 2014, are tentative Board meeting dates. The June 27 meeting is planned to be held at Madison High School following a tour of Backyard Farms. The Board will decide whether to change and/or add dates.

Action Needed: Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

13. 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 Anne Bills, at the Board's office or anne.bills@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.