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**MAINE BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL POLICY RELATING TO
THE PLANT INCORPORATED PROTECTANT
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

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Background

The Maine Board of Pesticides Control recognizes that some plant incorporated protectant (PIP) products have the potential to out cross with non-genetically modified organisms, as well as the potential for the development of insect resistance. In order to evaluate these issues, the Board needs expert advisors, knowledgeable in the fields of agronomy and agricultural entomology. Consequently, the Board establishes the PIP Technical Committee (PIP TC) to advise the Board on related technical issues.

Membership

The PIP TC will be composed of five standing members and *ad hoc* members as needed. One standing member will be the Board member appointed with entomology or agronomy expertise. This member will also chair the committee. The other four standing members will be an agricultural entomologist, a certified crop advisor, an organic crop specialist and the director of the Pest Management Office at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. In addition, up to three other individuals with crop specific expertise may be chosen *ad hoc*. The Board will solicit and review resumes for positions on the PIP TC.

The Board should appoint members whose disciplines are suitable for identifying and evaluating potential pollen drift and insect resistance.

Term

Ad hoc PIP TC members will be appointed by the Board for the duration of specific reviews.

Meetings

The Committee will meet on an as needed basis at the invitation of the PIP TC chairman.

Compensation

The PIP TC is voluntary and no compensation for services is available. However, all reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed, subject to approval by the Board's director, in a manner consistent with State Travel Policy.