

**VERMONT PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL - DRAFT
NOVEMBER 13, 2013 MEETING MINUES**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Decker, Kathy
Gary, Lené
Giguere, Cary
Hoffman-Contois, Razelle (Chair)
Levey, Rick
Palmer, Eric
Shively, Andy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bosworth, Sid

GUESTS

Tim Schmalz
Barbara Schultz

Meeting Called to Order

1:10 pm EST

Meeting Adjourned

4:04 pm EST

Announcements and General Business

- Minutes of the July 24, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved and will be posted to the ftp site.
- Regarding the ftp site, documents for posting or requests for removal of posted materials should be submitted to Razelle. Requests for copies of information that has been posted to the site should also be sent to Razelle. She will provide as attachments in an e-mail.
- Public comments regarding proposed changes to the Agency of Agriculture Pesticide Regulations should be sent directly to Cary Giguere. Commenters are welcome to cc Razelle who will post to the ftp site and notify the Council.
- Cary and Razelle provided an update on the ongoing investigation into the potential pesticide misuse case in Rutland County, Vermont. Interagency investigation of alleged indoor application of products containing the active ingredient chlorpyrifos (an organophosphate) has been underway for several months now.
- Cary discussed with the Council the option of having an Agency of Transportation employee who is a certified pesticide applicator stump treat the area above Route 2 in Montpelier where ledge work is being conducted. The contractor on the current AOT permit is not available to do so. Andy Shively and Cary discussed at length. The Council deemed the proposal acceptable.

Public Comments

None.

Business

Invasive Forest Pest Management

Barbara Shultz, Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation Forest Health Program Manager, provided a presentation *entitled Managing Non-Native Forest Pests in Vermont: Background for Discussing the Role of Pesticides*. Asian Longhorn Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid are three species of particular concern. The status of each within state borders and the surrounding area along with treatment options was described and discussed.

The Council agreed to review the 2013 Invasive Forest Pest Action Plan as well as the existing Pesticide Use Impact Assessment Process and submit any comments to Razelle by December 5, 2013. Razelle will compile and submit Council comments under one cover to Barbara. Barbara and Tim agreed to forward to Razelle research articles and/or other documents regarding this topic including information regarding the behavior of pesticides of potential interest, i.e., neonicotinoids, in forest soils. Razelle will distribute to the Council and post to the ftp site. The Council will have a brief status check on this topic during the January 15, 2014 meeting. At the February 19, 2014 meeting, the Council will have a full discussion with the goal of developing recommendations to be sent to Secretary Ross.

Experimental Use of Mosquito Larvicide

Cary asked for feedback from the Council on approving experimental use permits for commercial entities within Vermont. He described a proposal from a commercial entity to conduct data development work regarding a mosquito larvicide. To date, EUPs have not been provided for commercial/for profit entities and the state currently does not have a protocol in place for such things. The Council agreed that a full review of the product is justified; the same as would be required for any other application. An Experimental Use Permit would need to be issued under the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Pesticide Regulations.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 11, 2013 in Montpelier - National Life Building Ottauquechee Room M205.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm EDT.