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Department of Agriculture
Division of Plant Industry

Date: July 30, 2014
To: Pesticide Advisory Committee
From: John Scott, CDA Pesticides Program Manager
Subject: CDA Activities - Pesticide Advisory Committee Update for July 2014

Dear PAC member:

Since we did not hold the Pesticide Advisory Committee meeting in July I wanted to provide you a brief update on CDA activities.

On May 19, 2014, the CDA relocated to our new location at 305 Interlocken Pkwy, Broomfield, CO 80021. Now that the dust has settled a bit we've been able to readjust to our new surroundings and have everything back up and running. Along with the move the department initiated a new financial system and has begun working with a company called USA Plants to implement a new e-licensing system. Both new systems have and will continue to require extensive training of our administrative staff to implement these systems smoothly. The new financial system, called Colorado Operations Resource Engine (CORE), went live July 1, 2014. The e-licensing system for the pesticide section is in its initial testing phase and we hope to have it on-line and live by the renewal season, December 2014. Individuals and businesses will be able to apply, renew and pay for their license on-line. There will be more to come on this and we'll update you all during the October PAC meeting.

Pesticides and Marijuana: This issue continues to evolve. CDA developed its initial Rule, in accordance with the Governor's order to develop a list of products that could be used on marijuana (MJ), and began the Rules process with the criteria that products must meet two standards. The criteria were as follows: 1) The product had label language that was broad enough to allow use on MJ, and; 2) the active ingredient was tolerance exempt. Shortly after submitting this to the Governor's office the CDA received comments and some push back to look at additional options. Upon further investigation and discussions with EPA, the CDA found that federal tolerances would not currently apply to MJ. We found that a tolerance only applies to food crops that are in interstate commerce, that legally USDA has not declared MJ as a food crop and that CDA does not technically have the authority to regulate tolerances. Therefore, the tolerance requirement had to be removed. CDA is currently reviewing products the industry has submitted that it would like to have approved and reviewing the label language to see if it meets the criteria. Since most products with a tolerance have very specific language, few products are being identified to date.



PAA Sunset: Not a lot to update you all on for Sunset. CDA has continued to meet with organizations and provide updates on CDA's recommendations and what we've heard for proposed recommendations from groups you are all aware of. Bryan Jameson is in the process of writing his report and we expect the draft to come out in October for CDA's initial review. We have had discussions on the possibility of DORA recommending licensure for occupational GUP uses (any person that applies a pesticide in the course of their employment) and possibly a recommendation of additional training in IPM (not a licensure category) when applications are made in school settings. We did hear of some discussions of a mandatory school IPM requirements, but I believe this may be off of the table now with the belief that an occupational license and training would cover this as well. Bryan and I have discussed pollinator issues that have been brought up to him and I provided information on what is being done at the federal level to address pollinator concerns. I do not believe he will attempt to address the pollinator issues/concerns brought to his attention through the PAA in Sunset. Again, these have been preliminary discussions and we won't know for sure what DORA recommends until the October report.

Pollinator Labeling: This is ongoing and I continue to work with EPA and AAPCO/SFIREG/ASPCRO on the pollinator labeling language in relation to all other classes of pesticides toxic to honeybees. EPA just sent a letter confirming and agreeing with ASPCRO's interpretive guidance document for neonic labeling. ASPCRO will be releasing this to state lead agencies after their annual conference in August 2014. There have been many media reports of bees dying recently in multiple areas in Colorado. CDA currently has 5 active investigations we have initiated in relation to these reports.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at my new number, 303-869-9056, or e-mail me at JohnW.Scott@state.co.us

