

# AAPSE Liaison Report Form

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Meeting/Communication date(s): December 9, 2019

Meeting/Communication location: Arlington, VA

Brief summary of key topics or areas discussed as they relate to certification, training, and education:

The majority of the discussion centered around C&T Plans. States are receiving conflicting information from EPA (submission format - electronic vs. hard-copy and letters from Attorney General and Governor accompanying plan). States are also concerned with the "what if" questions: what if the plan is submitted late, what if the plan is rejected, what about reciprocity? Fatima El-Abdoji, EPA Region 3, offered to present her regional report, which addressed some of these questions, to AAPSE.

In May 2019, SFIREG submitted a letter to EPA requesting clarification and options available to State pesticide regulatory officials who are seeking federal registration of pesticides labeled for use on cannabis and hemp. EPA responded, stating cannabis, marijuana, is federally illegal and EPA is not considering any applications of pesticides to be registered for use on marijuana. The 2018 Farm Bill provides for the cultivation, transport and sale of hemp (THC concentration of less than 0.3 percent). EPA is currently reviewing 10 applications for pesticide products to be used on hemp.

Pollinator protection

EPA approved a new active ingredient: Clonostachys rosea strain CR-7

Product name: Vectorite with CR-7

Issues AAPSE may need to address:

Dicamba complaints have decreased, and so have the number of annual training attendees. Are growers using dicamba but not attending annual training or are they alternative products?

Paraquat training - are applicators required to attend training every three years or only once?

ASPCRO developing new inspector trainings; could we assist with the trainings (pest id, calculations, etc.)

Risk communication (hemp, marijuana, dicamba)

Increased number of pesticide devices making public health claims