

Association of American Plant Food Control Officials
Summer Annual 2018
Best Management Practices (BMP) Committee
Friday August 3, 2018 Fort Lauderdale, FL

Members Present: Chair - Lance Kunneman, Vice-Chair - Brian Bowers, Steve McMurry, Falina Hutchinson, Ben Jones, Matt Pearson, and Joe Slater

Industry Liaisons Present: Deb Allen and Andy O'Hare

New Members: Control Officials - Steve Harley-FL, Robert Tolten Jr.-AZ, Neal Vaughn-IA
Industry Liaisons – Maria Abildgaard-Agrinos

Members Removed: Control Officials – Meagan Davis-LA and Allan Lowman-GA
Industry Liaisons – Bethany Henderson-Helena Agri-Enterprises LLC

Guests Attending: 38 guests

Committee Objectives: To promote and make available to the manufacturers of commercial fertilizer, with emphasis directed to blenders, information and technology related to best manufacturing practices, to ensure consumers receive quality products meeting agronomic needs and values.

Called to Order: 2:00 pm by Chair Lance Kunneman

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve agenda. Slater/McMurry-Motion carries

Meeting Minutes Approval: Motion to approve minutes from 2017 Summer Annual meeting in Bellevue. Jones/Slater-Motion carries

Committee Actions:

- Bulk Blend Workshops
 - Andy O'Hare from TFI stated that the last Bulk Blend Workshop was in Michigan in 2014 and there has been little interest since then.
 - Bulk Blend manual was last updated in 2011.
 - TFI will look into updating the manual.
 - Considering converting the manual to online training.
 - Kunneman asked if TFI wanted a work group formed to assist.
- Fertilizer Security Outreach Material-Andy O'Hare
 - Department of Homeland Security
 - The Coast Guard in August 2016 finalized requirements for their "Marine Facilities" to implement a Transportation Worker Identification Credential system that compares the facility workers that handle certain products, the 2 fertilizer products are Anhydrous Ammonia & Ammonium Nitrate, to the DHS list of potential terrorist individuals.
 - This has significant costs and hassle.
 - Chemical Facility Anti-terrorism Standards reauthorization
 - Effective in 2014 and expires January 2019.
 - Of the 3,500 facilities that handle chemicals of interest 1,500 are fertilizer facilities.

- OSHA
 - TFI continues the OSHA alliance with the Ag Retailers Association in support of the ResponsibleAg program.
 - OSHA has updated the guidance document for BMP's for handling Ammonium Nitrate.
- EPA
 - The Waters of the US change by the previous presidential administration in 2015 has not been implemented and may be rescinded by the current administration.
 - Risk Management Plan was changed by the previous presidential administration, namely it made the location of these facilities more publicly accessible. TFI has asked the new administration to reconsider.
 - Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Proposal
 - Choosing not to expand the program and rather make use of existing programs like RMP.
- Pipeline Hazardous Material Safety Administration
 - TFI is working with the railroads that transport toxic inhalation materials (to fertilizer that would only be NH₃).
 - Proposing a new rail car design that would be safer.
- TFI's Priority Issues for 2018:
 - Regulatory Reform: Pursue priority changes
 - Section 404 Dredge and Fill program:
 - Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) establishes a program to regulate the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands.
 - <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/section-404-permit-program>
 - State Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategies: Promote 4R BMPs and non-traditional alliances
 - O'Hare discussed some of the ongoing happenings and how TFI is partnering with other groups.
 - Waters of the U.S.: Seek ag friendly definitions
 - Discussed above.
 - Finalize Slow/Controlled Release Fertilizer Definitions: Complete many years of debate
 - This was finalized Wednesday afternoon (8/1/18) before this meeting began.
 - ISO Technical Advisory Group: Elevate TFI awareness; Impact on trade
 - Bill Hall is helping lead this charge.
 - Farm Bill: Advocate for inclusion of incentives for farmers to adopt 4Rs; Advocate to make 4R research a high priority research area
 - Water Resources Development Act Reauthorization/Infrastructure Bill: Support waterways infrastructure investment and seek mine permitting reforms
 - Lobbying for adequate funding for inland waterways, locks & dams.
 - Chemical Facility Anti-terrorism Standards Program Reauthorization: Streamline and focus on highest risks
 - Discussed above.
- ResponsibleAg Update:
 - Estimated 6,000 – 6,500 ag retail facilities in the US
 - 2,537 have registered with ResponsibleAg
 - 1,139 have been certified
 - Kunneman asked how often a facility is audited.
 - Every 3 years.

Please see the TFI slide set on the AAPFCO website for additional details.

Requested Action of the Association and/or Board: None.

Next Steps: Winter Annual Meeting February 2019

- Report on any Bulk Blend Workshops.
- Fertilizer Security Update.
- Responsible Ag progress report.

Adjournment: With nothing further to discuss motion to adjourn. Slater/Bowers-Motion carries

Adjourned: 2:35 pm.

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