

Regional School IPM Highlights for FY2016

Update to the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee - November 2016

Headquarters Guidance

Regional activities in FY2016 were guided by the Agency's overall strategic plan for school IPM. The School IPM Roundtable was the keystone event for the Agency's School IPM program for the year. The purpose of the Roundtable was to secure the endorsement of IPM as the preferred approach for managing pests in schools by national organizations with influence in the school community, and obtain commitments from the participants to disseminate their endorsement and related school IPM information to their memberships and affiliated organizations.

In support of the Roundtable, the Regions were asked to reach out to the state chapters of participants to provide background on the Agency's School IPM program, establish a general dialog on the Roundtable, and convey how the state affiliates would be receiving IPM information through their national leadership. To assist in this effort, the Regions were provided presentations, background documents, contact lists, and talking points.

Region 1

Region 1 focused on supporting a tribal outreach project, Roundtable follow-up, and continued participation in regional school-related workgroups.

- Tribal structural pest and school IPM workshop for the 10 federally recognized New England tribes
 - Workshop included site visits and inspections of schools and public housing
 - Informational booklet distributed at this and follow-up meetings
- School IPM Roundtable Follow-Up
 - Sent emails to the New England state affiliates of Roundtable organizations
- Workgroup Participation
 - New England Clean, Green and Healthy Schools Workgroup
 - Northeastern School IPM Working Group
 - Northeastern IPM Center Advisory Council
- Outreach Events Participation
 - New England Tribal Summit and Environmental Conference
 - Maine School and Sports-Field Turfgrass Workshop

Region 2

Region 2 focused on local school outreach, Roundtable follow-up, and health association education.

- School IPM Roundtable Follow-Up
 - Sent emails to state affiliates of Roundtable organizations
- Site Visits
 - School IPM compliance assistance visits to private and public schools in New York and New Jersey
- Outreach Event Participation
 - New Jersey Environmental Health Association (hosted and facilitated bed bug training)

Region 3

Region 3 focused on supporting district-level school outreach in four states, and Roundtable follow-up with several state affiliates. Region 3 completed 51 School IPM-related activities.

- School IPM Roundtable Follow-Up
 - Developed contact lists and sent emails to 21 state affiliates of the National Association of School Nurses, National Environmental Health Association, American Association of School Administrators, American Federation of Teachers, Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, National Association of County & City Health Officials, and state departments of education and health
 - Roundtable participant provided post-event briefings to Regional School IPM Coordinators and managers
- Site Visits
 - Conducted 25 public, non-public and vocational K-12 school district visits in DE, MD, PA, and VA
- Outreach Event Participation
 - Provided bed bug and Zika/mosquito IPM training for all Region 3 employees
- Partnerships/Collaborations
 - Partnered with Region's Green and Healthy Schools program on school IPM activities in the Philadelphia (PA) School District
 - Participated on the Northeastern School IPM Working Group
 - Participated on the Region 3 Green and Healthy Schools Team

Region 4

Region 4 focused a tribal outreach project, Roundtable follow-up, and regional school-related workgroups.

- School IPM Roundtable Follow-Up
 - Contacted and followed-up with regional and state affiliates of Roundtable organizations
- Outreach Event Participation
 - Catawba Indian Nation Community Health event
 - Pre-State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group meeting
- Partnerships/Collaborations
 - Awarded and managed school IPM-related grants to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw, Clemson University, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, and Georgia Department of Agriculture

Region 5

Region 5 focused on limited Roundtable follow-up and growing partnerships with school nurses and a state chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council.

- School IPM Roundtable Follow-Up
 - Sent emails to state affiliates of Roundtable organizations
- Outreach Event Participation
 - National Association of School Nurses Annual Conference
- Partnerships/Collaborations
 - U.S. Green Building Council national Green Apple Day of Service program
 - U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools

Region 6

Region 6 focused on Roundtable follow-up with select groups, tribal outreach, and key conferences.

- School IPM Roundtable Follow-Up
 - Sent emails to state affiliates and developed contact lists for National Association of School Nurse Consultants, New Mexico Parent Teachers Association, and New Mexico Association of School Business Officials
- Site Visits
 - Regional tribal areas
- Outreach Event Participation
 - Southern IPM Center Advisory Council meetings
 - National Environmental Health Association Educational / HUD Healthy Homes Conference
 - Head to Toe (school health professionals) conference
 - Tribal Environmental Summit
 - Children's Environmental Health Symposium - *Children's Environmental Health on the Border*
 - State of Texas Active Response to Zika conference
- Partnerships/Collaborations
 - Southern IPM Center Advisory Council

Region 7

Region 7 focused on local school outreach and Roundtable follow-up.

- School IPM Roundtable Follow-Up
 - Emails to state affiliates of Roundtable organizations
- Technical Assistance
 - Supported the Region's *IPM For Tribal Schools* workshop
- Outreach Event Participation
 - Kansas Certified Applicator Training Session
 - Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education Conference
 - Missouri School Nurse Association Spring Conference
 - U.S. Army Earth Day, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas
 - Nebraska School Nurse Organization Conference
- Partnerships/Collaborations
 - Regional School IPM Focus Group

Region 8

Region 8 focused on engaging the largest school districts within Colorado and supporting Utah's School IPM implementation efforts and Wyoming's School IPM activities. Supported Roundtable follow-up in all Region 8 states, and conducted outreach through state coalitions and key stakeholder organizations.

- School IPM Roundtable Follow-Up
 - Emails to state affiliates of Roundtable organizations
- Site Visits
 - Cherry Creek 5 School District (Colorado's 4th largest)
 - Academy 20 School District (Colorado's 11th largest)
- Outreach Event Participation
 - Colorado School IPM Coalition
 - Colorado Association of School Business Officials
 - Colorado Department of Agriculture
- Partnerships/Collaborations
 - Airway Inflammation Research & Environmental Health Program at Children's Hospital Colorado
 - Neighborhood outreach to Denver's Sun Valley neighborhood with Denver Health
 - Colorado Coalition for School IPM newsletter production with Colorado State University
 - University of Wyoming School IPM Specialists' school outreach activities
 - Region 8 Tribal Programs partnership
- Technical Assistance
 - City/County of Denver Summer Neighborhood IPM Education program for elementary students
 - IPM Training for Veteran's Administration facility management personnel

Region 9

Region 9 focused on outreach through state PTA conventions, tribal outreach, collaboration with the California School IPM program, and Roundtable follow-up by email.

- School IPM Roundtable Follow-Up
 - Emails to state affiliates of Roundtable organizations
- Outreach Event Participation
 - Nevada PTA Convention
 - California PTA Convention
 - Green California Schools Summit and other events with Region 9 School Environmental Health Coordinator
- Partnerships/Collaborations
 - California Department of Pesticide Regulation's School IPM Program
 - California Safe Schools
 - Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona national Tribal School IPM workshop (funded)

Region 10

Region 10 focused on Roundtable follow-up with a subset of state affiliates of participants, and ongoing participation in the Washington coalition focused on schools.

- School IPM Roundtable Follow-Up
 - Developed contact lists for, and sent emails to the following state affiliates: National American Academy of Pediatrics (Northwest PEHSU), American Association of School Administrators (WA, OR, ID, AK), American Federation of Teachers (WA, OR, ID, AK), Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AK), National Association of County and City Health Officials (WA), National Association of School Nurses (WA, OR, ID, AK), National Environmental Health Association (WA, OR, ID, AK), National School Boards Association (WA, OR, ID, AK)
- Publication
 - *State School IPM Legislation Considerations Findings from Key Informant Interviews* ([go.usa.gov/cj3gQ](https://www.epa.gov/cj3gq))
- Partnerships/Collaborations
 - Washington's Urban Pesticide Education Strategy Team