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NATIONAL PESTICIDE INSPECTOR RESIDENTIAL TRAINING

Hotel Northampton

36 King Street

Northampton, MA

May 4-8, 2020

DAY ONE: Monday, May 4, 2020: Attendees arrive at Hotel Northampton, Northampton MA

DAY TWO: Tuesday, May 5, 2020

7:00am-8:00am: Buffet Breakfast

8:15am: Welcome, MDAR & EPA

8:30am –9:15am: Attendee Introductions

9:15am – 9:30am: Housekeeping

9:30am – 10:45: National EPA Update

Update from EPA about some of the prominent topics (neonicotinoids, glyphosate, AEZ, etc)

10:45am – 11am: Break

11:00am – 12:00pm: Agro Chemical Security – Joshua Canter

Discussion on how agricultural chemical and fertilizers are monitored and registered

12:00pm – 1:00pm: Lunch at hotel

1:00pm – 2:00pm: Investigation techniques, Paul Zipper, Captain Massachusetts State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Section

A review of different investigation techniques and when and how to apply them during pesticide complaints/inspections.

2:00pm – 3:00pm : Pesticide Sampling and Sample Integrity, Jeff Doherty, Chief Chemist Massachusetts Pesticide Analysis Laboratory

Review protocol on how to properly take, maintain and document pesticide samples in order to maintain integrity

3:00pm – 3:15pm: Break

3:15pm – 4:15pm: WPS Pilot Program -Patrick Jones, North Carolina Department of Agriculture Consumer Services

Overview of EPA's abbreviated version of a WPS Partial Inspection

4:00pm – 4:30: Break into groups for the field day.

4:30: Dinner on your own

DAY THREE: Wednesday, May 6, 2020

7:00am-8:00am: Buffet Breakfast

8:00am – 8:15am: Load buses

8:15am: Buses leave

9:00am: Arrive at Cold Spring Orchard, Sabin Street Belchertown Ma
Jon Clements, Welcome – History of Cold Springs Orchard

9:15am – 10:15am: Calibration - George Hamilton (Group 1)
Proper calibration techniques to verify proper application rates

9:15am - 10:15am: Apiary Inspection – Kim Skrym, Chief Apiary Inspector/Apiary Program Coordinator, MDAR
Safe handling of bees and bee hives. Coordination with apiary inspectors and pesticide inspectors during bee kill investigations. (Group 2)

10:15am – 10:30am: Break

10:30am – 11:30am: Calibration - George Hamilton (Group 2)

10:30am – 11:30am: Apiary Inspection – Kim Skrym (Group 1)

11:30 – 11:45: Break into 3 Groups

11:45 – 12:45pm: Lunch at Cold Spring

12:45pm – 3:30pm: Mock Inspection

3:30pm-4:15: Board Buses and Return

4:15pm - 5:00pm: Break out session - Groups collaborate findings from Mock inspection

5:00: Dinner on your own

DAY FOUR: Thursday, May 7, 2020

7:00am-8:00am: Buffet Breakfast

8:00am – 9:00am: Review Mock Inspection d

9:00am – 10:00am: Pesticides and Marijuana, Lessons Learned–Mike McClean Chief Pesticide Inspector, Crop and Pest Services Division, MDAR
Issues and case examples of pesticides use on marijuana

10:00am – 10:30am: Break & Room Check out

10:30am - 11:45am: Regulatory Issues and Hurdles with Marijuana and Hemp – Taryn LaScola, Director, Crop and Pest Services Division, MDAR
Overview of the complexities of pesticide use on marijuana and hemp from a regulatory standpoint and how states are handling it.

11:45am – 12:45pm: Lunch

12:45 pm – 2:00pm: Cannabis Cultivator Perspective – Byron Staton
Review of the differences/similarities seen in other states and how he has worked with regulatory personnel.

2:00pm – 3:00pm: Mobile Apps, TBD

3:00pm -3:15pm: Break

3:15pm – 4:15pm: Mosquito Update- Priscilla Matton, Superintendent Bristol County Mosquito Control Project
Review of the mosquito control districts and a recap of the 2019 EEE year.

4:15pm – 5:00pm: Wrap-up / Evaluation

5:00: Dinner on your own

DAY FIVE: Friday, May 8, 2020

THANK YOU & SAFE TRAVELS!