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Cc: Jones, Patrick; Harris, Kay; Isley, Howard
Subject: RE: Subcommittee to look at available/needed pesticide training materials

Good morning:

As Jim shared in the email below, I would like to recruit members for a subcommittee to look at available/needed pesticide training materials and strategies. Please let me know if you would be willing to serve in this capacity and/or if you have recommendations for other individuals who might be interested in serving.

If possible, it would be good to include a grower, farm worker, healthcare provider, and outreach worker. Other suggestions are also welcome!

I look forward to hearing from you.

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From: Burnette, James [mailto:james.burnette@ncagr.gov]
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During our meeting on Wednesday, January 6th, several people commented that much of the standardized training materials available might not be suitable for the audiences we need to reach. In following this train of thought, it makes sense for us first to determine what is out there to use; what might need to be revised; what still needs to be developed—once we have that inventory, we can then begin to investigate innovative ways of ensuring that any training and safety information provided is appropriate in content and delivery to our intended audiences.

In continuing to move forward with the issues we raised during our initial meeting, we will now enlist some of the workgroup members in a second subcommittee develop an updated directory of training materials, and also, to explore innovative opportunities, means and methods of delivering pesticide safety and worker protection training

to ensure that our messages and delivery are appropriate to the various audiences, including currently underserved audiences such as crew leaders and spouses/family members of workers, handlers and applicators, etc.

Robin Tutor has agreed to Chair this Subcommittee, and will be soliciting members to assist her from our Work Group.

Robin already has an extensive directory of training materials from many states, which she developed as part of her Masters work. Our staff will assist in any reformatting of Robin's directory that is necessary to make it more "user friendly!" EPA also has an extensive listing of health and safety materials at various locations on its website: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/safety/resource.htm>, as does the Oregon State University's National Pesticide Information Center, <http://npic.orst.edu/>.

As Robin and I have discussed, this work will compliment that of our first Subcommittee working on identifying means and methods for engaging the crew leaders (and their employers—a message heard loudly and clearly during the first meeting!). If we then have information on the best training materials to which we have access, then the next logical step is to develop the most effective means of delivering our health, safety and risk mitigation messages. Many of our Agencies are already cooperating in developing such strategies with respect to the impending EPA mandated soil fumigant training

I think everyone on the Work Group was in agreement that anytime we are engaged in any work, we should feel free to seek input from other knowledgeable individuals—such as growers, workers, crew leaders, applicators, handlers, allied industries, advocacy organizations, etc. Again, I would leave it up to the Subcommittee's discretion to seek assistance from anyone you all deem appropriate.

Also, please do not hesitate to seek input the entire workgroup as you see fit!

In the interest of transparency, I will appreciate being copied on subcommittee correspondence. This will enable us to make certain

that all such information gets added to the web page now under development. If you need to meet in person, we can provide meeting space at your convenience. We can also arrange for conference calls if that will suit your discussion needs.

Once you have recommendations we will share them with the workgroup and our other stakeholders.

If I can offer any assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me, and again, I am so honored to be working with each of you and the others on our Interagency Pesticide Work Group.

Sincerely,

Jim

***My email address has changed to James.Burnette@ncagr.gov. Please update your records ***

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