North Central School IPM Working Group  
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Agenda

1. Presentation on Region 5 EPA work: Seth Dibblee
2. Presentation on Stop School Pests: Alina Freund
3. Presentation on EPA updates: Marcia Anderson
4. Working Group Member Updates

1. Presentation on Region 5 EPA Work—Seth Dibblee
   - Review of school IPM work over the last few years, provided slide show presentation.
   - Center for School IPM is now the Center for Integrated Pest Management.
     - School IPM is falling off the list of mandatory options, regions can choose to continue to work on school IPM.
     - In region 5, Seth will continue to include SIPM as a priority
   - Stop School Pests and iSchoolPestManager are useful school IPM tools that have been developed over the last five years.
   - Center of Expertise is still intact; School IPM recognition program budget is still pending.
   - 18,000 person listserv for sharing EPA resources for IPM.
   - Recorded webinars are accessible from “Managing Pests in Schools” on the EPA website.
   - Center for expertise is now renamed “The Center for IPM”.
     - Renaming is coordinated with expansion of work beyond school IPM.
   - Regional offices will have the option to propose a project in FY 2018.
     - In region 5 they will propose something by the end of October regarding a general IPM project.
     - There is an opportunity for participation in these projects from non-governmental organizations.
   - CDC – School Health Index has multiple modules.
     - Module 8 includes school IPM. High quality basic outline that CDC has provided can be used to leverage school IPM implementation.
• (Clyde) NEHA grants at EPA—The grants are being issued, one in Utah one in Colorado (revised timeline October 2017-September 2018).
  o Notices have been sent out to participate
  o Press release will come out in Mid-October.

2. **Stop School Pests Website Update — [www.stopschoolpests.com](http://www.stopschoolpests.com)**

  • New website has been finalized and courses are available for free.
    o An email registration is the only requirement for the training.
  
  • NCIPMC has been instrumental in launching this website ([www.stopschoolpests.com](http://www.stopschoolpests.com) or [www.stopschoolpests.org](http://www.stopschoolpests.org)).

  • Press release of Stop School Pests will be sent out in the next few weeks.
    o Working group members can support this initiative by:
      ▪ Sharing/distributing the press release with their connections
      ▪ Contacting schools that could use the free training, connecting them with Frank or Alina for support.
      ▪ Connecting Alina to any potential sponsors of the Stop School Pests training
  
  • Some pest control technicians, public and private school employees have completed the online trainings.
  
  • The quiz at the end of each unit is only for completion; a certain score is not required to get a certificate.
  
  • After completion an auto generated completion verification email is sent with instructions on how to download a certificate.
  
  • The website has an additional page for schools to become supporters.
  
  • Ruth Kerzee: We are hoping to assess whether or not this training can fulfill Illinois’s training for schools. If need be how can they be modified?
    o In the contact box people can provide feedback on what requirements are needed for their state.
    o IPM Institute can make adjustments to the technical aspects.
      ▪ In house ability to make changes to the slides, content, and web platform.
  
  • Alina and Ruth will work together to ensure SSP works for Illinois training requirements.

3. **Marcia Anderson Update**

  • Please review the Region 5 slides for remainder of Center for IPM update.
  
  • Center for IPM – focusing more on comprehensive IPM, Integrated Vector Management, and community IPM in addition to supporting school IPM.
  
  • Assisting CDC, HUD DOD along with other federal, state and local agencies and governments
  
  • **Upcoming webinars:**
    o Tick Disease and Vector Management will be on October 24th, 2017.
    o Along with 4 mosquito webinars in the spring,
    o Working on webinar on kissing bugs with Chagas disease – spreading and not on most people’s radar
    o If Working Group members have tribal connections, please work with Marcia Anderson for the December 12 Tribal webinar.
    o Additional dates are provided on the slides.
  
  • 10 Spanish Language IPM and Bed bug materials are now available.
  
  • The “Rat Book” (Pest Control in Schools – Implementing IPM) is now revised and on EPA website