



## 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).
  - Notices have been sent out to participate
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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?
  - In the contact box people can provide feedback on what requirements are needed for their state.
  - 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:**
  - Tick Disease and Vector Management will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  - Along with 4 mosquito webinars in the spring,
  - Working on webinar on kissing bugs with Chagas disease – spreading and not on most people’s radar
  - If Working Group members have tribal connections, please work with Marcia Anderson for the December 12 Tribal webinar.
  - 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