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Notice of Meeting and Agenda for the Task Force on the Regulation of Structural Pest Management

The Task Force on the Regulation of Structural Pest Management (OPM Task Force) gives notice that it will hold a meeting open to the public on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Arizona Industrial Commission, 800 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona. Members of the OPM Task Force will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. The Task Force may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Roll Call – Jack Peterson, Chairman & OPM Acting Director
2. Current Status of the Office of Pest Management and coordination with the Department of Agriculture, including:
 - Listserv Signup – <http://listsrv.azda.gov/> - Jack Peterson
 - Changes, updates or other items out of the ordinary
 - License renewal reminder mailed out – reminder of deadlines – Robert Tolton
3. Topic discussions and possible actions
 - Decisions to date: no inactive licenses
 - Continuing Education Revenue – a review of the revenue brought in and a discussion of future continuing education efforts by OPM.
 - Qualifying Party – what should the requirements be, should the requirements be the same for all categories – weed, general, can we test for that, are there exceptions, should there be changes, a general discussion on QPs of the future.
 - Background investigations – should government's role be to require this, should it continue, should there be changes – a general discussion on the future of these background investigations
 - TARFs – what are the benefits, should there be changes, who should pay, alternative funding mechanisms, should they continue – an open discussion on the future of TARFs,

Old Business – task force purpose as laid out in the legislation may discussed during any discussion items or as separate discussions

4. Review of all laws and regulations governing structural pest management in Arizona and changes necessary to accomplish the future structural pest management program, including: (Please bring your copies of the laws and rules)
 - Department of Agriculture's existing statutory framework and regulatory scheme related to pesticides
 - i. Review of powers and authority statutes - comparisons and rules that fit.
 - Office of Pest Management staff recommendations on changes needed to OPM rules and laws
 - i. Certification/Licensing requirements – including insurance needs
 1. How do we reduce the burden on industry?
 1. Does everyone need the same level of training/experience for certification?
 2. Is a QP needed or do we just need a responsible individual?
 - ii. Criminal background checks – do we need them for everyone?
5. Executive Session to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) on any matter listed on the agenda
6. Call to the Public (2 minute limit per speaker)

This is the time for the public to comment on items relating to the Task Force's purpose and discussions held or wished to be discussed in the future. Members of the Task Force may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, in response to public comments made on issues that are not listed on the agenda, the Task Force is limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

7. Set Next Meeting Date and Topic Discussion

8. Adjourn

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Dated this 14th day of November, 2011