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AZPPO Town Hall Meeting Agenda

This is a courtesy announcement for two meetings open to the public:

Thursday, March 29, 2012

San Marcos Resort
One San Marcos Place, Chandler, AZ 85225
Start Time: Approximately 5:00 PM

Friday, March 30, 2012

Holiday Inn
4550 S. Palo Verde Rd., Tucson, AZ 85714
Start Time: Approximately 5:00 PM

This meeting is an opportunity for people to voice their opinion about the first draft of statutory language and what they would like to see in the regulation of structural pest management. <http://www.azda.gov/Main/March12.htm> click on the meeting on March 14th. This is **not** a task force meeting or a meeting being held by the task force. Some of the task force members will be in attendance, so we wanted people to be aware of the opportunity. Following are the discussion items that have been provided for the meeting. This meeting is provided by the sponsoring organization the Arizona Pest Professional Organization (AZPPO).

Changes to the QP!

Changes to requirements to obtain QP and to expand the QP!

Changes to the Tarf!!!

Read it, make notes, and come share your thoughts at the **AzPPO Town Hall** immediately following the last speaker at the **AzPPO Pest Management Conference**. Jack Peterson from Department of Agriculture will be there. Make your thoughts known. It is your license, your future ability to provide for your family. Don't miss this opportunity to voice your concerns over the first draft of proposed changes. The Department of Agriculture needs to hear from you!

Information from the 3/14/12 Task Force Meeting:

At the March 14 DOA Task Force Meeting a Proposed Statutes Package was presented by the Agency. A copy is available from the link above. It is important to remember that this is a working draft and your input is imperative. Some of the more substantive items are:

- Adoption of a new terminology "Certified Qualified Applicator (QA)". This term will be used to identify individuals who have a current QP license that is not tied to an active company (previously referred to as an inactive QP). When you tie your license to a company it changes from QA to the title QP. Why the change? This will now require all QA's and QP's to maintain CEU's toward their renewal. It will eliminate the need for a QP to maintain both the QP and applicator certifications. Now if you have a QP or a QA you will not have to duplicate your certifications requirements.

- The entire Statute Package is designed to be simplified. We see that as a good thing. Many items are being removed from Statute and rewritten in rule where they can be better defined and make our Statutes a little broader in coverage.
- Fee structure has been radically expanded. This is so the agency can better adapt to changing budgets. Currently the DOA has reduced the OPM budget by almost 30%. We find this to be a positive move for Industry and hope that the Agency continues that trend. The fee expansion is also necessary to allow for a redistribution of revenue streams that will eventually remove the heavy weighted TARP revenue and develop a more balanced Fee based revenue stream. This too will benefit small companies as Fee based revenue balances to fees companies pay by their size and the amount of impact they have to the Agency.

For this month's Virtual Town Hall we ask your position:

- In the recent draft the term Wood Destroying Insect has been changed to Wood Destroying Organism. Does this impact your business or do you have a feeling about the proposed change?
- The Proposed Statute under 3-3515 B would allow individual owners or their agents to apply pesticides (for profit) to property occupied by other tenants or individuals. Your position?
- Tarp Reports would stay in place, but the information would be streamlined and the fees would be reduced. Your position?

If you are unable to attend the Town Hall meeting and want to have your voice heard, you may e-mail your responses to azppo@pestworld.org, or to Jack Peterson at the Department of Agriculture directly: jpeterson@azda.gov (602) 542-3575.

Dated this 27th of March.