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CALL TO ACTION

Dear Pest Control Industry,

As you might be aware Arizona Pest Professional Organization (AZPPO) hosted two more Town Hall Meetings last week in conjunction with our annual conference. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the OPM Task Force DRAFT rules and statutes (below is a link to the rules and statutes).

The Phoenix Town hall was attended by more than 15 people. Some of the comments included

- Not to allow exceptions for business license for apartment owners, schools, or businesses providing consumer benefits with the application of a pesticide
- Felt the proposed education / experience options are a good starting point
- Concerned with allowing QP's to broaden into the termite category without practical experience
- OPM will need to address QP broaden concerns by developing more stringent testing
- Saw a benefit to developing field testing for QP to broaden license
- Keep TARF with a lower fee and reducing the amount of information reported and allowing the consumer to get the information from the company
- Data base users should pay a TARF access fee
- There should be a TARF audit process

The Tucson Town hall was conducted 30 minutes early as the conference finished early. Approximately 50 people stayed around for the Town Hall. Some of the Tucson comments included:

- Why would Arizona reduce their QP requirements when the agency requires a College Degree for a PCA that has similar responsibilities to a QP
- Concerns regarding pest control hour verification for QP
- Keep TARF with a lower fee and reducing the amount of information reported and allowing the consumer to get the information from the company
- Felt the proposed education / experience options are a good starting point

We urge you to read the DRAFT statutes and rules and submit your thoughts and comments to AZPPO prior to the next OPM Task Force meeting on April 18th.

Here is a link to the First Draft of proposed changes: [http://azppo.memberlodge.com/Resources/Documents/First Draft Proposed Changes.pdf](http://azppo.memberlodge.com/Resources/Documents/First_Draft_Proposed_Changes.pdf)

If you are unable to attend the Town Hall meetings or the OPM Task Force meetings 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.

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Please forward this announcement onto any colleagues you feel may benefit from the information provided.

Thank you for your support of our industry.