

# STATE OF MAINE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL 28 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0028

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#### **BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL**

May 24, 2013

# AMHI Complex, 90 Blossom Lane, Deering Building, Room 319, Augusta, Maine AGENDA

8:30 AM

- 1. Introductions of Board and Staff
- 2. <u>Minutes of the March 1 and April 12, 2013, Board Meetings</u>

Presentation By: Henry Jennings

Director

Action Needed: Amend and/or approve

3. <u>Gowan Company, Inc., Request for FIFRA Section 24(c) Registration for Malathion 8 Flowable on Cane Berries</u>

Gowan Company, Inc., is requesting a Special Local Need [24(c)] Application to increase the number of allowable applications of Malathion 8 Flowable agricultural insecticide to control spotted wing drosophila (SWD) on cane berries. This request is supported by University of Maine Blueberry Extension Specialist David Handley. Research indicates that Gowan Malathion 8 Flowable is highly effective against the SWD and the extra application will be critical to controlling this invasive pest. In addition, Gowan Malathion 8 Flowable offers growers the advantage of very short preharvest and reentry intervals. Available data indicate that residues are expected to be below the established tolerance.

Presentation By: Mary Tomlinson

PHONE: 207-287-2731

Pesticides Registrar/Water Quality Specialist

Action Needed: Approve or disapprove the request

4. Adoption of the Proposed Amendments to Chapters 20, 22, and 51

(Note: No additional public comments may be accepted at this time.)

On February 13, 2013, a Notice of Agency Rulemaking Proposal was published in Maine's daily newspapers, opening the comment period on the proposed amendments to Chapters 20, 22, and 51. A public hearing was held on March 1, 2013, at the AMHI Complex, Deering Building, in Augusta, and the written comment period closed at 5:00 PM on March 15, 2013. Four people spoke at the public

hearing and 88 written comments were received by the close of the comment period. The Board reviewed the comments at its April 12, 2013, meeting and directed the staff to make some minor revisions. It will now determine whether to adopt the proposed amendments.

Presentation by: Henry Jennings

Director

Action Needed: Decision on whether to adopt the proposed amendments and their respective

response to comments, basis statement, and statement of impact on small business

#### 5. Consideration of a Consent Agreement with TruGreen Lawncare of Westbrook

On June 3, 1998, the Board amended its Enforcement Protocol to authorize staff to work with the Attorney General and negotiate consent agreements in advance in matters not involving substantial threats to the environment or public health. This procedure was designed for cases where there is no dispute of material facts or law, and the violator admits to the violation and acknowledges a willingness to pay a fine and resolve the matter. This case involved an unauthorized pesticide application.

Presentation By: Raymond Connors

Manager of Compliance

Action Needed: Approve/disapprove the consent agreement negotiated by staff

#### 6. Other Old or New Business

a. Legislative Update—H. Jennings

- b. GMO Memo—L. Hicks
- c. Dubois Contracting Variance—H. Jennings
- d. Department of Transportation Variance—H. Jennings
- e. Funding for Mosquito Monitoring—H. Jennings
- f. Other?

### 7. Schedule of Future Meetings

June 21, July 26, September 6, October 18, and December 6, 2013, are tentative Board meeting dates. The September 6 meeting is tentatively slated to include a planning session. The Board will decide whether to change and/or add dates.

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

## 8. <u>Adjourn</u>

#### **NOTES**

- The Board Meeting Agenda and most supporting documents are posted one week before the meeting on the Board website at <a href="https://www.thinkfirstspraylast.org">www.thinkfirstspraylast.org</a>.
- Any person wishing to receive notices and agendas for meetings of the Board, Medical Advisory
  Committee, or Environmental Risk Advisory Committee must submit a request in writing to the <u>Board's office</u>. Any person with technical expertise who would like to volunteer for service on either committee is invited to submit their resume for future consideration.

- On November 16, 2007, the Board adopted the following policy for submission and distribution of comments and information when conducting routine business (product registration, variances, enforcement actions, etc.):
  - o For regular, non-rulemaking business, the Board will accept pesticide-related letters, reports, and articles. Reports and articles must be from peer-reviewed journals. E-mail, hard copy, or fax should be sent to the attention of Anne Bills, at the <u>Board's office</u> or anne.bills@maine.gov. In order for the Board to receive this information in time for distribution and consideration at its next meeting, all communications must be received by 8:00 AM, three days prior to the Board <u>meeting date</u> (e.g., if the meeting is on a Friday, the deadline would be Tuesday at 8:00 AM). Any information received after the deadline will be held over for the next meeting.
- During rulemaking, when proposing new or amending old regulations, the Board is subject to the requirements of the APA (<u>Administrative Procedures Act</u>), and comments must be taken according to the rules established by the Legislature.