



Army Pest Management Timely Topics



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Consultant's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE ARMY PEST MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY. Thank you for all of the hard work that you have done in 2007 in meeting the Army pest management program requirements.

During this interim period at USAEC, Pest Management will send out the Timely Topics on a periodic basis. We will, however, continue to use email messages to Installation Pest Management Coordinators to pass important and timely information. This abbreviated Timely Topics provides updates on several topics.

186TH ARMED FORCES PEST MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING. The 186th Armed Forces Pest Management Board Meeting is scheduled for 26-29 February 2008. For further information click on the following link:

<http://www.afpmb.org/meetings/186th.htm>

IPMC CONFERENCE CALL: The US Army Environmental Command (USAEC) Pest Management conducted the second Installation Pest Management Coordinator (IPMC) Conference Call 18 Dec 07. Participants included:

Christine Convery
Herb Bolton
Joe Tarnopol
LTC Schleich
MAJ Lowen
Denny Kuhr
Karl Neidhardt
Phil Williams
Joe Whitfill
Bob Gray
Steve Connor
Joseph Gortva
Mike Strauss
Brian Waldrep
Jerold Spohn
David Kelley
Matthew Argust
Larry LeRoy
Lenore Grover-Bullington
Deborah Johnston
Charles Elliott

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Fort Lewis
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Topics of discussion included USAEC updates, review of 25B pesticides, policy on IPMP revisions, pest management policy changes (AR 200-5/200-1, DOD 4150.7I), aerial spray requirements – Air Force support capability, completing PUPs (sites/IPMO #), tracking Common Levels of Support (CLS) information, and aerial spray, herbicides.

A summary of the current status of USAEC Pest Management was provided. Sandy Alvey is deployed for FY08 to Japan. Dr. Herb Bolton continues to provide support to installations along with Ms. Lynda Portaszkiwicz and other contractors. Ms. Christine Convery vacated her position at USAEC on 4 January 2008. **All correspondence to USAEC Pest Management should now be addressed to both Dr. Bolton and Lynda Portaszkiwicz. herbert.t.bolton@us.army.mil <<mailto:herbert.t.bolton@us.army.mil>>, hbolton@csrees.usda.gov <<mailto:hbolton@csrees.usda.gov>> lynda.portaszkiwicz@us.army.mil <<mailto:lynda.portaszkiwicz@us.army.mil>>**

Ms. Convery provided an update on the EPA Exempt (25B pesticide) “policy” at USAEC. USAEC reviews and approves/disapproves all pesticides prior to use and this includes 25B pesticides. Installations should list all 25B pesticides on their annual PUPs for review. Since 25B pesticides do not necessarily undergo stringent efficacy, safety and environmental testing, USAEC must do additional research to determine if a specific 25B pesticide can be approved for use. If third party efficacy data exists and the product is safe and environmentally friendly, USAEC will approve it. USAEC is maintaining a database of all of the approved/disapproved products. David Kelley, Fort Carson, asked if this guidance has been provided in writing. Dr. Bolton responded that the procedure was generally described in the last Timely Topics.

IPMP revisions (major revisions, not annual updates) were discussed. Ms. Convery noted that installations should plan/budget for a major revision every 5 years; however, major revisions are only necessary when major changes to the pest management program (i.e., BRAC) occur.

Pest management policy changes have occurred. AR 200-5 is no longer in effect and most of the major pest management requirements are now contained in AR 200-1 (13 Dec 207). Mr. Joe Tarnopol will be issuing implementation guidance documents to cover any of the requirements in DoDI 4150.7 that are no longer covered in AR 200-1. DoDI 4150.7 has been formally revised and is being staffed at the Pentagon. It should be signed and official by Jan/Feb. DoD 4150.7-P, the Plan for the certification of pesticide applicators (approved by the EPA), has been revised and will be officially staffed after all staffing actions for DoDI 4150.7 are complete. This document must be reviewed/approved by EPA and also will be listed in the Federal Register for comment before it can be put into effect. After DoD 4150.7-P is finalized, the Armed Forces Pest Management Board will revise DoD 4150.7-M.

Ms. Convery noted that if installations have requirements for aerial herbicide applications the USAF Spray Flight can provide support at a minimal expense. Please contact USAEC for further information.

Ms. Convery noted that many installations are submitting their Pesticide Use Proposals without the “site” or “IPM Outline” being properly listed. The site is key for determining whether the pesticide is approved or disapproved. IPMCs should ensure that this information is included in the PUP as well as the pesticide name, EPA registration number, and the target pest(s).

Jerold Spohn, Fort Riley, discussed CLS and their requirements to track pest management information more closely. He asked the group for input on how other installations are going to track their information. Joe Whitfill, Fort Campbell; Larry Leroy, Fort Drum; and Charles Elliott, Fort Polk all provided input. IPMCs that wish to discuss this further or need assistance are encouraged to contact Jerold, Joe, Larry and Charles. E-mails provided here:

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Larry Leroy discussed possible aerial spray operations for weed control at his installation. He is concerned that his pounds of active ingredient (PAI) will increase significantly because of applications of herbicides. Ms. Convery explained that if the pesticide applications are justified for valid mission requirements, PAI increases are OK. The Measure of Merit (MoM) is for the Army and the DoD as a whole so if some installations increase and others decrease it all evens out. Installations should make every attempt to decrease PAI; however, if this is not possible because of valid mission requirements, the increases should be justified/explained. Other IPMCs, such as David Kelley, provided suggestions for alternative herbicides. Mr. Leroy will explore these options with his installation environmental staff and will let USAEC know if he needs any technical assistance.

Mr. Kelley requested that the OCPUR form be made more "user friendly". Ms. Convery said that in the next web site update the form will be changed as necessary. In the meantime, the PUP form should be used for OCPUR requests

Mr. Kelley asked if there is an official form for pesticide inventories. He mentioned that there is a DA Form 3718 – which USAEC stated is obsolete. Generally, the inventory should include the pesticide name, active ingredients, EPA registration # and quantity on hand. Mr. Tarnopol added that a book of labels and MSDS should also be maintained.

NEW PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING IPMPs, PUFs, PUPs, OCPURs, CONTRACTS, AERIAL SPRAY STATEMENTS OF NEED AND TRAINING & CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION: Beginning FY08 (1 October 2007) please submit your installation IPMPs, PUFs, PUPs, OCPURs, pest control service contracts, aerial spray statements of need, and training and certification documentation to Dr. Herb Bolton, herbert.t.bolton@us.army.mil <<mailto:herbert.t.bolton@us.army.mil>>. Please also copy Lynda Portaszkiwicz on your emails at lynda.portaszkiwicz@us.army.mil , <<mailto:lynda.portaszkiwicz@us.army.mil>>

SUBMISSION OF FY 08 IPMPs: Thank you to those IPMCs who have already submitted their installation's FY08 IPMP/PUFs and PUPs. We have reviewed and technically validated a significant number of IPMPs for FY08. For installations that have not already submitted their FY08 PUF and PUP, please keep in mind that early submission of your FY08 IPMP/PUF & PUP allows your installation pest management operations to be conducted without work stoppage when pesticides are pre-approved. Ideally, IPMPs, PUFs and PUPs for FY08 should be approved by USAEC prior to the start of the new FY. Realizing this may not be achievable in all cases, we would urge you who have not already done so to please submit your IPMPs and/or forms to USAEC as soon as possible.

Remember that Out of Cycle Pesticide Use Requests (OCPURs - a pesticide(s) that you want to use later in the fiscal year (FY) but did not include in the annual PUP) can be sent to us anytime during the FY for approval. Having your IPMP approved early for the new FY avoids the hectic rush created to get your IPMP approved prior to a scheduled EPAS visit as well as the required environmental program data call at end of year. Please contact USAEC if you need additional information or guidance for submitting or technically reviewing your IPMP, PUF or PUP for FY08 [e-mail pestmanagementteam@aec.apgea.army.mil] [<<mailto:pestmanagementteam@aec.apgea.army.mil>>]

NEW REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR EPA 25B EXEMPT PESTICIDES: Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registers pesticides for sale and use in the US. The EPA has identified a special list of 31 pesticides that are referred to by EPA as "25B pesticides." Companies selling these "minimum risk" pesticides do not need to submit efficacy and safety data to EPA as they do for the rigorous registration process required for all other pesticides. In annual pesticide use proposals (PUPs), several Army installations are requesting to use some 25B pesticides. To ensure that these 25B pesticides are both safe and efficacious, the USAEC pest management program is completing special reviews of all 25B pesticide requests to ensure that independent efficacy data exists from colleges and universities. USAEC will keep IPMCs informed on these reviews.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM USAEC PEST MANAGEMENT (PM) Program

The Pest Management Program is committed to providing the highest level of technical assistance to you in support of the Army's Installation Pest Management Program. Please contact the PM members for any assistance you may need. The PM staff and their primary program responsibilities are:

- **Sandra Alvey, DAC: Deployed through September 2008.**

- **Dr. Herb Bolton, USDA/CSREES Liaison:** Pest Management Consultant; IPMP, Pesticide Use, Pest Control Services Contract and Aerial Spray Statement of Need Approvals; Training, Certification and Accreditation; Environmental Reporting. GIS/GPS Initiative, Performance Based Contracting Guidance, IPMC/PMQAE Training Guidance, EPAS Audits, Pest Management Program Assistance Visits (PMPAVs), DoD/State Certification Database, Web Site Management. Pest Management List Server, AEDB-EQ, Administration, and Records. Invasive Species, IPM Demonstration Projects, Sustainable Range Tick Control Project, EPAS, Timely Topics. Base Operations Pest Management Support, IPMP Reviews, Pest Control Service Contract Reviews, Aerial Spray Statement of Need Reviews, Pesticide Registration Reviews.

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