

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 9, 2013

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on April 9, 2013. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Jimmy Allgood, Maurice Redmond, Dr. Brian Forschler (via phone call), Bodine Sinyard and Laurie Padgett.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Mr. Allgood seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Skin Edge provided the Commission with a legislative update. He discussed House Bill 234 from Representative Smith. The bill pertains to consumer contracts and the requirement to notify consumers of automatic renewal of their contracts. Consequently it was passed and the pest control industry was able to acquire exemption from the bill.
- F. Dr. Forschler updated the Commission on University of Georgia news and the IPM coordinator position. He noted Dr. Dan Horton as the new pesticide coordinator for the University of Georgia. In an update on training, Dr. Forschler stated that there will be mosquito training on the Griffin campus coming up soon, and an IPM workshop just finished up about a week ago.
- G. Mr. Lastinger reported on a recent strategic planning meeting involving the Structural Pest technical group. At the meeting GDA progress was reported on the strategic plan implementation. The group provided positive feedback on implementation and generally thought that the Department accomplished much more than expected in the time frame. Several recognized the field staff for their compliance assistance efforts. The group did recommend that a guidance document be developed for new company licensees and that GDA provide additional outreach on the self-audit and self-reporting enforcement policy.
- H. Mr. Tommy Gray provided a Georgia Clean update. He noted an original budget for the program to be \$100,000; after many successful events the budget is now been reduced to \$13,000. The program is hoping to receive additional funding of about \$50,000 more from EPA. If additional funds are approved, there will be a Clean Day event in Gwinnett County and possibly in middle Georgia.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided a national regulatory update. He mentioned his attendance at the American Association of Pest Control Officials (AAPCO). At the conference EPA discussed a new effort to enhance stakeholder input during the pesticide registration process. Included in the process are focus meetings which are organized to offer an opportunity to get more stakeholder input in decisions. The FIFRA Scientific Advisory panel met to discuss the scientific issues concerning draft requirements for product performance data for

invertebrate pesticide products. During the FIFRA meeting, three important topics were discussed: termiticide testing efficacy guidelines, product efficacy for generic termiticide, and lastly efficacy standards for bedbug products claiming control. Mr. Lastinger also discussed a recent survey from the PMP magazine regarding rodenticide use. Lastly, Mr. Lastinger mentioned that EPA proposed an amendment for 25 (b) products, EPA has been asked by ASPCRO to consider the use directions requirements on these product labels.

- J. Mr. Rick Bell gave a report on behalf of NPMA. He discussed their recent legislative day meeting in Washington, D.C. He highlighted the Pest Free Food Supply Act, which is legislation directing the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw a proposal revoking the food uses for the fumigant sulfuryl fluoride, that Congressmen Tom Graves (GA) and Kurt Schrader (OR) recently introduced. The Commission discussed 13 issues of the DRAFT Summary of Proposed Regulation Changes (see Attachment 3).
- K. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM and Certification Examination Applications were reviewed.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses
Attachment 3	Georgia SPCC DRAFT Summary of Proposed Regulation Changes

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

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Open – Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Companies Review
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Department of Agriculture
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
 - Georgia Clean Day Update
- e. National Regulatory Update – AAPCO & ASPCRO
- f. NPMA Legislative Day – Mr. Rick Bell, Chairman, NPMA Government Affairs Committee
- g. 2013 Rule Changes – C Gorecki

Adjournment

Attachment 2

**THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING**

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- X-GUARD PEST CONTROL, Dalton
- SOLSTYS ENVIRONMENTAL, Norcross
- GAME OVER PEST SOLUTIONS, Ball Ground

The Commission approved the following request for a name change

- HALEY PEST MANAGEMENT 98023 TO [HALEY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES]

**Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission
DRAFT Summary of Proposed Regulation Changes**

MARCH 12, 2013

ISSUE #1 - Ventilation Requirements

Item #1A Remove all requirements for ventilation standards for subterranean termite treatment standards

Item #1B Change the Minimum Treatment Standards for Wood-boring beetles in crawlspace

Item #1C Change the Minimum Treatment Standards for Wood-destroying fungi in crawlspace

Item #1D Add the requirement to remove *Poria Incrassata* infestations or cut rhizomorphs

ISSUE #2 - Georgia Form II Requirements

Item #2A Allowance for Property Owner or Authorized Agent to sign the form

Item #2B Remove "Ventilation Adequate" language and references to ventilation

Item #2C Remove item #6 on the form with approval of ventilation changes

Item #2D Remove Designated Certified Operator (DCO) signature requirement

Item #2E Amend DCO responsibility language

Item #2F Require the Inspector Name and License Number

Item #2G Add 18 inch exception statement to the form

Item #2H Remove the **YES** answers to Sections 1, 2, & 3

ISSUE #3 - Pesticide Use Records (PUR)

- Item #3A** Allow electronic records to consumer with use of consumer acknowledgement form
- Item #3B** Remove 'complete' brand name requirement
- Item #3C** Add the requirement to include the EPA Registration Number
- Item #3D** Add the requirement for legible applicator name and registration or certification number
- Item #3E** Add the requirement for the application time onsite for non-residential applications
- Item #3F** Combine two (2) separate record-keeping requirements

ISSUE #4 - Recertification Training

- Item #4A** Remove Integrated Pest Management (IPM) & Pre-Treat (PTX) specific CEU requirements
- Item #4B** Address Brian Forschler's recommendation to increase required CEU units per cycle
- Item #4C** Increase Computer Based Training (CBT) limit for certified operators

ISSUE #5 - Production of Records

- Item #5A** Redefine "reasonable amount of time" to produce company records

ISSUE #6 - Vehicle Marking with City Name Business is Located

- Item #6A** Remove requirement to mark vehicle with city name

ISSUE #7 - Control Measures for Termite Treatments

- Item #7A** Remove interior treatment requirement for Georgia defined treatment rule
- Item #7B** Require bait treatment diagram and number of stations
- Item #7C** Amend treatment failures language for bait & borates treatments

ISSUE #8 - Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Regulations

- Item #8A** Amend the definition of Household Pest Control to remove references to squirrels and birds

ISSUE #9 - Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Reports

- Item #9A** Remove reporting exception for wood destroying fungi
- Item #9B** Change ventilation language, condition #9, to reference the Residential Building Code for ventilation

ISSUE #10 - "No Treatment" Termite Contracts

- Item #10A** Conduct an initial inspection and issue an initial report including the date of inspection
- Item #10B** Treatment type identified for active infestations
- Item #10C** Specific language on each contract for consumer awareness
- Item #10D** Annual inspection is required for this type of termite service offering / agreement

ISSUE #11 - Pesticide Container Labeling

- Item #11A** Require pesticide service containers to be marked with the brand name of the product

ISSUE #12 - Registered Employee Training Deadline

- Item #12A** Change the training deadline date
- Item #12B** Change the exemption date

ISSUE #13 - Language Updating and Housekeeping

- Item #13A** Amend Rule 620-6-.04(1)(b)5.(iii) to correct a clerical error that listed colleges and universities as a covered school
- Item #13B** Amend the definitions section to include the definition of “Green Pest Management”
- Item #13C** Amend the definitions section to include the definition of “Integrated Pest Management”
- Item #13D** Amend Rule 620-2-.01(af) to list only licensed child daycare centers from just child daycare centers
- Item #13E** Revise the Rules to remove repetitive language concerning the application of pesticides in schools