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The Association of American Plant Food Control Officials

AAPFCO

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The purpose of AAPFCO is to provide a forum for officials charged with enforcement

- Promote Uniform & Effective Legislation, definition, ruling and enforcement practices
- Encourage and sponsor adoption of the most effective and adequate analytical methods
- Develop high standards for inspection techniques and procedures
- Promote adequate labeling and safe use
- Provide for the free exchange of information, discussion and study
- Cooperate with members of the industry to promote effectiveness and protection of the environment

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Industry-Regulatory Council
- Bylaws
- Education and information
- Environmental Affairs
- Best Management Practices
- Laboratory Services
- Labeling and Definitions
- Life Membership and Memorials
- Long Range Planning
- Magruder Check Sample
- Seminars
- Slow Release Fertilizer
- Uniform Bills
- Uniform Reports
- Audit

Industry-Regulatory Council

Provides a forum for the free exchange of ideas and information between the industry and regulatory communities to ensure that issues and positions affecting both communities are fairly heard and understood.

Audit

To provide continuity to the audit process

By-Laws

Provides review of the by-laws as they relate to operational needs in carrying out their purpose and to ensure they are current

Education & information

Communicate information and develop educational materials for public and private sectors to promote safe and effective use of fertilizers while protecting the environment; and promote the role of AAPFCO as a source of uniformity in regulations, labels, definitions

Environmental Affairs

Maintain membership awareness of by-products and recycled materials proposed for use as fertilizers, soil amendments, or conditioners; and, develop and recommend guidelines for their use.

To inform the AAPFCO membership about state and national legislation on nutrient management and offer drafts and updates for nutrient management model legislation.

Dispel misconceptions about nutrients, nitrogen, phosphorus, etc.

Best Management Practices

To promote and make available to the manufacturers and blenders of commercial fertilizer the current knowledge related to good manufacturing practices in order to insure that the consumers receive a quality product which meets their agronomic needs and value

Laboratory Services

To develop standard methods and a quality assurance/quality control manual for use by fertilizer regulatory laboratories and coordinate AOACI Collaborative

Labeling and Definitions

To promote uniform labeling of fertilizers through AAPFCO officially adopted documents; and to maintain and define official terms and definitions as needed.

Life Membership & Memorials

To honor deserving Fertilizer Control Officials who have retired or are no longer involved in any capacity with the regulation, manufacturing, distribution, and/or sale of fertilizers; and to inform the membership of the death of an associate and appropriately remember the deceased.

Long Range Planning

To develop and update a five year plan keeping the Association aware of industry and regulatory trends and promote AAPFCO as the national and international regulatory authority for fertilizer and related products.

Magruder Check Sample

To provide quality control information to all laboratories engaged in the analysis of fertilizers and materials intended for use in fertilizer products by providing a check sample program, which will encourage and sponsor the adoption by participating laboratories of the most reliable analytical methods and techniques and promote good laboratory practices.

Seminars

To provide training in inspection and sampling; in interpretation of definitions and policies; administration of uniform model laws

Slow Release Fertilizer

Provide the Association with direction
regulating enhanced efficiency fertilizers

Uniform Bills

To recommend revisions in the AAPFCO Model Bills as necessary to ensure uniform models of legislation

- Consider the appropriate portion of the Model Bill or Rules to respond to Federal Ammonium nitrate legislation.
- Consider best positioning for proposed compost rules.
- Consider new proposed essential nutrients

Uniform Reports

To promote uniformity among states who register, license, and report tonnage of fertilizer commodities by improving the process; ensuring the accuracy of the national fertilizer consumption database that will provide a statistical report summarizing fertilizers consumed in the US

- Upgrade current UFTRS from Access 97 to Access xp
- Discuss and propose ways to encourage electronic format options
- Discuss WEB based registration options

thank you for your attention

