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Dear Friends:

While the kids are back in school, be sure to check if you need to do the same... for your pesticide credits, that is. With the Annual Conference quickly approaching, be sure to register and secure a hotel room. A conference registration form, along with a link to pay with a credit card through PayPal is available under the "Meetings & Events" tab on the PPMA website, www.papmaonline.org. A link to the registration form is also listed below.

The PPMA bylaws have undergone some changes and you as members will be asked to vote to approve these changes at the Annual Conference. Watch for a special email later this week with the proposed changes.

If you are working in a public school, be sure to check the school's requirements for volunteers and contractors regarding clearances. If you have any questions regarding this process, feel free to reach out to the PPMA office for assistance.

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News from NPMA

EPA Office of Inspector General to Investigate Structural Fumigation Regulations

On Thursday, October 8, NPMA learned that the Office of Inspector General for the US Environmental Protection Agency (OIG) plans to begin preliminary research on factors associated with structural fumigation. The Office of the Inspector General is an

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independent office which performs audits, evaluations and investigations within EPA to promote economy and efficiency and to prevent and detect waste fraud and abuse.

The OIG's primary objectives for the initial investigation are to determine the extent and nature of adverse impacts caused by structural fumigants and whether regulatory, program execution, or other factors within EPA are associated with the adverse impacts.

The letter, from OIG to the Offices of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention is linked [here](#).

NPMA will continue to stay engaged on this issue and keep the membership apprised of new information as it becomes available. Feel free to contact public policy staff with any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Meetings

The Eastern Division continues to hold its monthly meetings with varying topics of discussion on the second Thursday of every month at the Crowne Plaze in Trevoese. For more information on monthly topics and speakers, contact Sue at (215) 331-1121.

NPMA's PestWorld conference is scheduled for October 20-23 in Nashville, TN. Register at <http://conference.npmapestworld.org/>

[Sign up](#) now for **PPMA's 2015 Annual Conference on November 9 & 10** at the Eden Resort in Lancaster. Vendors are also welcome. In addition to [vendor](#) booths, PPMA is looking for sponsors for the morning breakfasts and/or refreshment breaks. Ads in the program booklet are also welcome. Contact the PPMA office at 1-800-842-9090 for more information.

NPMA's Eastern Conference will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Pocono Manor, PA on January 13-15, 2016! Plan to attend.

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Legislative Update

The information below represents legislative activity (including bill introductions) that has occurred since the last newsletter. For a full listing of legislation that Versant is tracking for PPMA, please contact us at (717) 635-2320 or dchappell@versantstrategies.net. Activity marked HCO or SCO indicates a co-sponsorship memo which precedes the actual introduction of legislation and is designed to secure the support of other legislators prior to introduction as a bill.

There is still no budget approval as we enter into October despite many meetings between the legislative leaders in the Senate and House of Representatives with the Governor. We will keep you apprised of any breakthrough in proceedings.

SB 737 sponsored by Rep. Scott Hutchinson Amends Title 34 (Game), in hunting and furtaking, further providing for unlawful devices adding that semiautomatic rifle may be used to hunt coyotes and woodchucks in accordance with regulations of the commission except during regular firearm season for deer, regular firearm season for bear, and spring and fall season for turkey.

10-20-15 Meeting scheduled for House Games and Fisheries Committee (This bill has already passed the Senate.)

REMINDER from NPMA

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Articles of Interest

10-08-2015

Lanternfly sparks quarantine in Montco

MONTGOMERY COUNTY Lantern fly sparks a quarantine in three boroughs UPPER HANOVER Three boroughs in northwest Montgomery County are under quarantine after state officials confirmed the presence of invasive spotted lantern flies. The lantern fly, which is native to East Asia, was first found in the... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*

10-08-2015

Bat population likely to stay low in near future

The population of little brown bats devastated by white-nose syndrome in the mid-2000s is unlikely to recover in the near future, according to new U.S. Geological Survey research. USGS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service scientists said they recently evaluated the potential for the bats in the eastern United States to... - *Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*

10-06-2015

Super lice: Should parents be worried?

Trips to the school nurse's office are common during elementary school. Height and weight are

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checked, eyesight is tested ... and scalps are searched for lice. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 6 to 12 million head-lice infestations take place each year in the United States.... - *Allentown Morning Call*

10-01-2015

Butterflies reversing population decline

The monarch butterfly population east of the Rockies has collapsed more than 90 percent in the last 20 years due to herbicides and habitat loss. But as some local concerned citizens looked on during a recent sunny afternoon, several of the strikingly patterned orange and black insects... - *West Chester Daily Local News*

09-22-2015

Pesticides Tied to Childhood Cancers

Childhood exposure to indoor insecticides is associated with an increased risk for certain childhood cancers, a new study has found. Researchers reviewed 16 studies of children exposed to indoor pesticides, including professional pest control services, indoor flea foggers, flea and... - *New York Times*

09-18-2015

Bed Bugs Found In 311 Call Center In City Hall

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) - Philadelphia's 3-1-1 call center is closed after employees found a bed bug in the office, but the staff will be responding to citizens through email and social media. Nutter administration spokesman Mark McDonald says



09-14-2015

an employee found a bed... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

Be concerned, not alarmed, over all that buzz about bees

HERMITAGE - A local beekeeper has heard all the news reports about "colony collapse disorder," and the worries about threats agricultural pesticides may pose to the survival of the honey bees that are the major pollinators of much of the world's food supply.... - [Sharon Herald](#)

09-11-2015

Big Win for Beekeepers as Court Voids Insecticide

A United States appeals court ruled on Thursday that federal regulators erred in allowing an insecticide developed by Dow AgroSciences onto the market, canceling its approval and giving environmentalists a major victory. The ruling by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in... - [New York Times](#)

09-11-2015

For Students With a Mission, a Little Capital Goes a Long Way

Rose Wang wants you to eat bugs. Two billion people in the world already do. Her new company, Six Foods - so named because six legs is better than four - sells Chirps: snack chips made from cricket flour. Insects are an environmentally sustainable source of complete protein: Producing a... - [New York Times](#)





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