

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 10th, 2012

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 a.m. in the Dublin-Laurens Chamber Commerce Building on April 10th, 2012. The following commission members were present: Jimmy Allgood, Chair, Chris Gorecki, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard and Derrick Lastinger.
- B. Also in attendance were Josh Wiley with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. The Commission met with for Mr. Martin Shepherd regarding his company license application that was submitted for review at the March Commission meeting. He was asked to explain why he did not respond appropriately to customers and the Department issued corrective actions. He operated under the name of Commercial Pest Control until the license expired on June 30, 2011. Mr. Wiley mentioned that since the last meeting, it was brought to his attention that the Department had an open regulatory issue to address with the applicant. Under the Commission Policy 10-2 *Applicant Involved in a Pending Regulatory Action*, the Commission did not consider his company license application. Mr. Shepherd and the Department will need to meet and resolve the pending regulatory concern before the Commission reviews the application. Mr. Lastinger offered to schedule a conference with Mr. Shepherd before the May Commission meeting.
- F. Mr. Leland Maddox inquired about his company license application. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that his application had not been received by the Department. Mr. Maddox provided a copy of the application. The Commission voted in favor of approving his application pending receipt of the original application, no conflict in company name and payment of license fees.
- G. Mr. Lastinger discussed some of the work being done by ASCPRO regarding the new pyrethroid label restrictions. ASCPRO's label stewardship committee is focusing on issues raised by state officials and pest management professionals. The Committee is in the process of compiling the concerns and plans to raise issues to US EPA. Mr. Gorecki mentioned that NPMA has a workgroup that is also focusing on the pyrethroid label issues.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the US EPA amendment to the rodenticide labels. Registrants are in the process of submitting label amendments to US EPA. Once the amendments are accepted by US EPA, the amendments will then go to the states for acceptance. Mr. Lastinger noted that the industry should be aware that there will be three generations of labels in circulation and that the label attached to the product must be followed.

- I. The Commission discussed the new BASF product, Termidor HE. The Commission concluded that before the product is approved under the Georgia Defined Treatment Rule that several conditions would need to be met. These conditions include BASF providing a soil distribution study and data to characterize the horizontal and vertical movement of Termidor HE and demonstrates establishment of a distribution of active ingredient comparable to Termidor SC around a structure and a soil testing protocol, residue and formulations level methodology and analytical standard reference material for BASF 270 00S polymer. The Commission will also require and approve a technical bulletin for applicators to address Georgia specific treatment standards. Dr. Forschler discussed the demonstrations at the termite workshop in Griffin including one that illustrates a continuous barrier is not consistently established at 12 inch drill intervals. It was also noted that the Georgia regulations are an attempt and best effort to establish a continuous treatment. Mr. Gorecki added that the product may ultimately be an issue for PMP's and Georgia consumers and further supported the need for the distribution study and data.
- J. Dr. Forschler provided an update on IPM in schools. He announced that EPA had selected six organizations that will receive IPM grants this year. Florida received a grant that involves the University of Georgia and Auburn University. Dr. Forschler will provide additional updates as the program gets moving. He also mentioned the re-submission of the School Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) which would involve an amendment of FIFRA. The bill has been introduced in the US Congress but is not expected to move forward.
- K. Dr. Forschler announced that the Griffin Structural Pest Control Training Center will receive funding for a remodel. The funding amount should be announced in June.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided a program update. In a recent statewide inspector training, the new pyrethroid label restrictions and rodenticide label restrictions were discussed. Inspectors may include a discussion of these changes during routine compliance assistance activities.
- M. Mr. Lastinger announced Mr. Wiley's move to program manager of the Pesticide Section. Mr. Wiley will continue to work closely with the Structural Pest Section in the compliance and enforcement program activities.
- N. Mr. Wiley reported to the Commission the results of a recent statewide compliance survey on pesticide use in schools and daycare facilities. The survey indicated a 72% violation rate. Most violations were considered minor and involved non-compliance in record keeping requirements. Notices have been sent out to pest control companies involved in the survey.
- O. Mrs. Valera Jessee with GPCA discussed a proposed program that would provide free bed bug management services to individuals that are not able to afford services.
- P. Mrs. Jessee discussed GPCA concerns with the new Mosquito Control pesticide commercial applicator license. Mr. Lastinger discussed that pest control operators that currently hold the Public Health category license will be converted to the Mosquito Control Category upon meeting recertification and renewal requirements. The public hearing for the rule change will be on April 16th at 10:30 in room 201 of the Agriculture Building.
- Q. Meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Jimmy Allgood, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

AGENDA

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1. Open – Allgood
2. Minutes
3. Expense Reports
4. New Company Applications
5. Martin Shepherd License Application
6. Rodenticides & Pyrethroids Discussions
7. Termidor HE
8. University of Georgia Update – Forschler
9. Compliance & Enforcement Update – Wiley
10. Program Update – Lastinger
11. Exam application review

Attachment 2

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- URBAN WILDLIFE AND PEST CONTROL, Roswell
- ACTIVE HOME SOLUTIONS, Marietta
- ANISSA ELLISON PEST CONTROL SPECIALIST, Cartersville
- WEEDMAN CORP, Roswell

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information.

- MASTERS PEST SOLUTIONS, Covington (pending insurance, name change)
- GREENLEE PEST SOLUTIONS, Macon (pending Insurance)
- BUG GETTER'S, LLC, Phenix City (pending name change)
- TEAM PEST USA, Gainesville (pending insurance)
- DOMINION PEST CONTROL, Douglasville (pending insurance)
- LELAND MADDOX PEST CONTROL, Stockbridge (pending receipt of original application and fee)
- COLONIAL PEST CONTROL (pending insurance, name change)

The Commission approved the following requests for a name change:

- JITTERBUG EXTERMINATING #99708 TO [AZTEC EXTERMINATING]