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PESTICIDE MODERNIZATION WORKING GROUP

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026

Room 1D at the Legislative Office Building and via Zoom

Meeting Objectives

By the end of this meeting, the group will:

- Review the Office of Legislative Research's findings on Pesticide Registration Databases.
- Develop an understanding of Cornell University's Pesticide Sales and Use Reporting Group.
- Learn about the technical processes involved in collecting, managing, and reporting pesticide sales and use data.
- Explore practices that may inform Connecticut's pesticide modernization efforts.
- Ask questions, share comments, and identify next steps.

1. Welcome and Meeting Overview

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Brief recap of the previous meeting
- Review of meeting objectives and agenda

2. Co-Chairs' Discussion of OLR Findings on Pesticide Registration Databases

The co-chairs will discuss findings from the Office of Legislative Research's report on databases for pesticide reporting.

- Review of the report's key findings

- Member questions and comments on the findings

3. Introduction of Guest Speaker

Welcome **Robert Warfield, Technical Project Manager, Pesticide Sales and Use Reporting Group, Cornell University.**

4. Guest Presentation: Pesticide Sales and Use Reporting

Robert Warfield will discuss his role and the work of Cornell University's Pesticide Sales and Use Reporting Group. Suggested topics include:

- Overview of the group's work and responsibilities
- Technical processes for collecting and managing pesticide sales and use reports
- Approaches to data quality, validation, and usability
- Preparing pesticide information for reporting and public access
- Experiences, challenges, and lessons that may be relevant to Connecticut

5. Member Questions and Comments

Members will have an opportunity to ask questions, share comments, and discuss the presentation with the guest speaker.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What are the main technical challenges in collecting and managing pesticide sales and use data?
- What approaches help improve the accuracy and completeness of submitted reports?
- How can reporting systems make submission easier for reporting entities?
- How can pesticide data be made useful and accessible while protecting confidential information?
- What lessons or recommendations could help Connecticut modernize its pesticide reporting system?

6. Working Group Discussion and Next Steps

- Discuss key takeaways from the OLR findings and guest presentation
- Identify practices or approaches for further consideration in Connecticut
- Identify additional questions and follow-up information needs
- Review next steps and any assignments before the next meeting

7. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Final comments from members
- Closing remarks and adjournment