

A professional society representing the nation's crop production and research consultants

## SCAMMERS ARE AT IT AGAIN

We have received reports that companies are offering lists of our members for sale. These ARE NOT sanctioned by NAICC, and we have sent cease and desist letters to all that have come to our attention. NAICC DOES NOT sell or give out a list of our members, annual meeting attendees or exhibitors to non-members. Only members or current meeting attendees may have access to these lists upon request and approval.

As we get closer to the 2022 Annual Meeting, you may receive requests to purchase a list of meeting attendees and exhibitors. These are also not sanctioned by NAICC. The Rosen Centre will NOT contact you about room reservations for the NAICC Annual Meeting unless you have requested a call back from them.

The NAICC membership list is available on our website in the form of our Member Directory. Each member is able to decide if they want their information available to only NAICC members, to anyone who searches the online directory or not publicly available.

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## HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

By Rick Kesler, Governmental Affairs Liaison

## WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES (WOTUS)

The EPA and the Department of the Army announced their intent to revise the definition of waters of the United States (WOTUS). The Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR) is also under review. Both agencies have determined that the rule is reducing clean water protections and are requesting that the rule be remanded. The DOJ is trying to pause NWPR litigation. If judges get involved, it could limit the Administration's response to the rule. There is also a federalism issue in all of this. Under the rule, some waters are regulated by the federal government and some waters are regulated by the states. Some terms are not clearly defined such as what constitutes a tributary and what are adjacent wetlands. Apparently, there is not even a clearly defined distinction between what is land and what is water. Confused? So am I. At this point, it is not clear what the EPA/Army is going to do or when they will take action. We will continue to monitor the situation.

#### OFFICE OF PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY SURVEY

Seth Wechsler with USDA's Office of Pest Management Policy contacted NAICC and asked if we could help disseminate a new survey that they will be conducting. They also are working with Extension and CCA's. The information collected from individuals that have real world experiences with ag products will be used in the aggregate and individual information will not be shared. The intent is to work with EPA during product registrations and re-registrations using real world data and not assumptions. USDA-OPMP plans on four short surveys, one each quarter for the next year. NAICC has a long relationship with OPMP and they were helpful during the WPS development and helped NAICC get the crop consultant exemption.

#### PPDC'S RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

The Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) is a federal advisory committee that meets with EPA on a regular basis to discuss pesticide regulatory, policy, and program implementation issues. The PPDC's Resistance Management Working Group has reached out to NAICC and asked for input for a resistance management proposal that they will be providing back to PPDC. Some areas that they are interested in are:

- How much importance do we assign resistance management?
- Possible leverage of reduced risk status for faster registration of pesticides.
- FIFRA is risk based. Could resistance management be a focus on the benefits side?
- Should incentive programs encouraging resistance management be considered?
- And much more.

NAICC provided input to the Resistance Management Working Group prior at their meeting on July 15.

#### PRIA 4

PRIA 4 will expire October 1, 2023. PRIA 5 discussions are underway, but there is still a long way to go from having a PRIA 5 bill.

## PESTICIDE POLICY COALITION (PPC)

CLA's Pesticide Policy Coalition (PPC) continues to schedule bimonthly Hill meetings to highlight the rigors of the pesticide registration process with an emphasis on the benefits of pesticides. This is in response to the Neguse bill (was Neguse/Udall, but Udall retired). It is expected that this will be reintroduced at any time, but nothing is definite yet. The PPC continues to monitor this situation and is working with RISE to be prepared when the bill is introduced. There was a letter of opposition to the Neguse bill that was circulated to the last Congress and will now be recirculated the current Congress. NAICC continues to be a sign-on organization opposing the bill.

## AGRICULTURE AND GOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVE

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and NAICC have a long and ongoing relationship. NIFA recently announced that as part of their Agriculture and Good Research Initiative that they will be investing \$6.2 million that will increase the number of K-14 teachers and educational professionals trained in the food and agriculture sciences.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The **NAICC Annual Meeting and AG PRO EXPO, January 26-28, 2022** is being held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida with pre-meeting workshops on both Tuesday and Wednesday. The Rosen Centre Hotel is located close to the area's best shopping, dining, and revered theme parks. Stayed tuned for updates.



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