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Hello school IPMers,

The August school IPM monthly update is below.

**** YOU ARE INVITED**

Our excellent colleague with the E.P.A., SHERRY GLICK (the National Pesticides and Schools Coordinator) shared the following, which we thought to pass along:

EPA has an environmental blog. The blog is written by EPA employees, but the public is allowed to comment on the entries. There are several sections that I thought several of you might be interested in; one of them is Green Building. It is located at <http://blog.epagov/blog/category/greenbuilding/>

Many of you may not have much time at your desks to be typing responses to a blog, so please forward to others who are not on this list whom you think might enjoy an opportunity to start a conversation about green building and IPM.

**** EXTERMINATION versus PEST ELIMINATION**

Tom Neltner, Director of Education and Training at the National Center for Healthy Housing, shared the following important announcement regarding guidelines for pest management:

The nation's model property maintenance code - the International Property Maintenance Code managed by the International Code Council (www.iccsafe.org) uses the following archaic language for pest control:

EXTERMINATION. The control and elimination of insects, rats or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible materials that serve as their food; by poison spraying, fumigating, trapping or by any other approved pest elimination methods.

The National Center for Healthy Housing and the Alliance for Healthy Homes have proposed to change the term to:

PEST ELIMINATION. The control and elimination of insects, rodents or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible materials that serve as their food or water; by other approved pest elimination methods.

The code is the law in New York and more than 600 communities across the country. The number is growing. For more information, go to www.healthyhomestraining.org/Codes/IPMC.htm.

Building code officials will be meeting in Minneapolis on September 20 to vote on these and other proposals. The proposal needs 2/3 majority vote to pass. If you want to see this change

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happen, contact the Arizona Building Officials at <http://www.azbo.us/> and let them know you support the updated phrasing.

**** WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATE**

Arizona Surveillance Update:

Human Cases . . . 5 (all in Maricopa County)
Viremic Blood Donors . . . 1 (Maricopa Co.)
Mosquito Pools . . . 56
 Coconino . . . 1
 Maricopa Co. . . . 35
 Pinal . . . 8
 Yuma . . . 12
Dead Birds . . . 1 (Maricopa Co.)
Horses . . . 0
Sentinel Chickens . . . 16
 Cochise . . . 1
 Graham . . . 2
 Greenlee . . . 1
 Pinal . . . 5
 Pima . . . 3
 Santa Cruz . . . 3
 Yuma . . . 1

U.S. Update: 110 plus human cases reported in 19 or more states.

**** PESTICIDE POISONINGS ON THE RISE**

The EPA documented a 300 percent increase in reported human pesticide poisonings. The American Association for Poison Control Centers documented a 63 percent increase. It is thought the increase is due to prohibiting indoor use of the previously popular organophosphates. The view the complete report by the Center for Public Integrity, go to <http://www.publicintegrity.org/investigations/pesticides/pages/introduction/>. The EPA intends to examine CPI's report and their own data in detail before 2010.

**** ARAMARK GOES GREEN WITH PEST MANAGEMENT**

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ARAMARK, a national company that provides facilities management and other services, is going green with its pest management for the National Parks Service. The NPS approved ARAMARK to use an innovative diatomaceous earth product, DiaSource Crawling Insect Killer, in certain facilities. A Lake Powell resort facility, which includes Arizona and Utah, will be the first to benefit from the new product used by ARAMARK.

DiaSource Crawling Insect Killer is made by DiaSource, Inc. The product is 100% diatomaceous earth.

**** UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The 15th Annual Maricopa County Short Course entitled Adjuvants in the Spray Tank to Make Pesticides Work Better. August 14, Thursday, 10-3 PM at the Maricopa County Extension Office located at 4341 East Broadway, Phoenix, AZ. Prior registration required. 4 continuing education units may be earned. Details and registration at <http://turf.arizona.edu/events.htm>.

Arizona Sports Turf Managers Association 2008 Summer Maintenance Seminar and Field Day. August 21, Thursday, at the SRP Pera Club. Topics featured will be traffic tolerance and game wear on turf and synthetic turf field maintenance. Details and registration are at <http://www.azstma.com/events.php>.

**** THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE**

We are working out the quirks of this new list serv, which include certain characters turning into boxes or question marks when the message arrives in your inbox. Thank you for your patience as we work out these details.

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