

Assessment and Implementation of IPM in Schools: **Practical Implementation**

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Questions that **MUST** be asked **AND** answered for successful implementation:

- What action must be taken?
- Who will take the necessary action?
- Do they have the necessary resources to take action???

THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN: diffuse IPM

THE INNOVATION/DECISION PROCESS

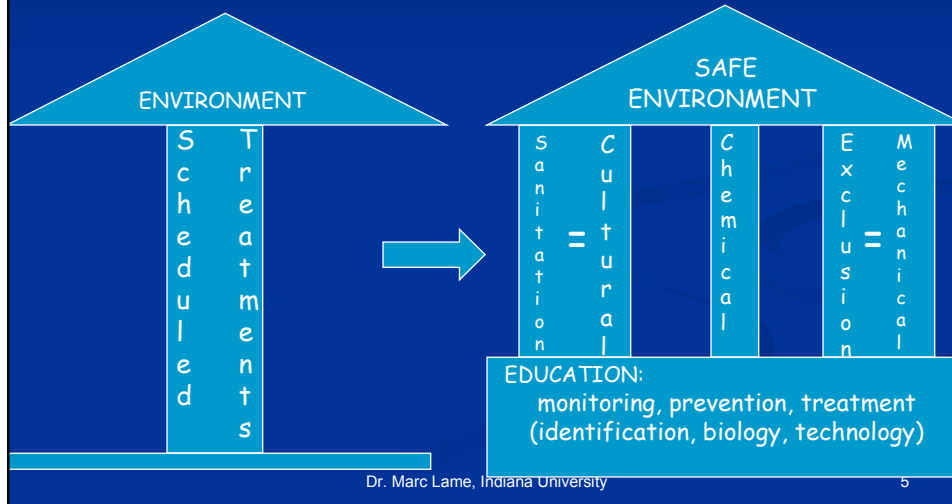
MODEL ADAPTED FROM ROGERS 1983



- Management Situation
- Audience
- Message
- Media
- Feedback

Ask where political, program and resource management fits into each situation and audience

A Shift to an IPM Program



Who will take the necessary action? - MISSION ORIENTATION

- USEPA
- USDA - Extension
- USHHS - CDC
- Not - for - profit organizations
- Industry
- School Administrations

Extent of Change Agents' Promotion Efforts

- Implementation process
- "up front" investment
- Ability to compete

Problems/promise of current change agents

All have little to no expertise of "change"

- USEPA - \$, travel and "bean counting"
- USDA/Extension - 50+50=150?, mission
- USHHS/CDC - \$, travel, expertise
- Not - for - profit organizations - expertise, \$, travel
- Industry - motive (branch level), expertise
- School Administrations - expertise

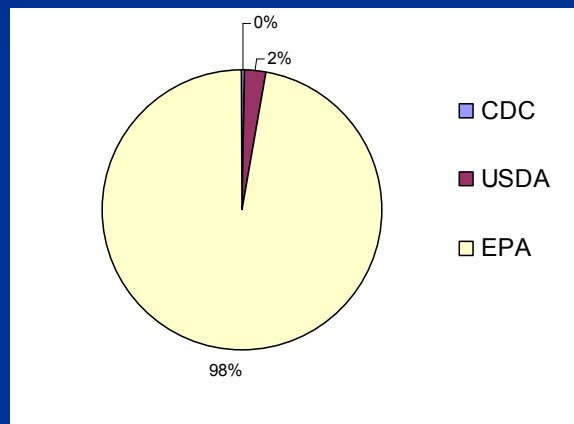
Thus, Partnership = success!!!

- **38%** of land grant institutions have IPM in Schools programs ...loosing ground?
- **38%** have informational programs (e.g. - websites, manuals, fact sheets, etc.)
- **26%** have interactive programs (training sessions, CEUs)
- **14%** have diffusion programs (information, interaction AND demonstrations with recognition programs)

(Percentages based on 50 states)

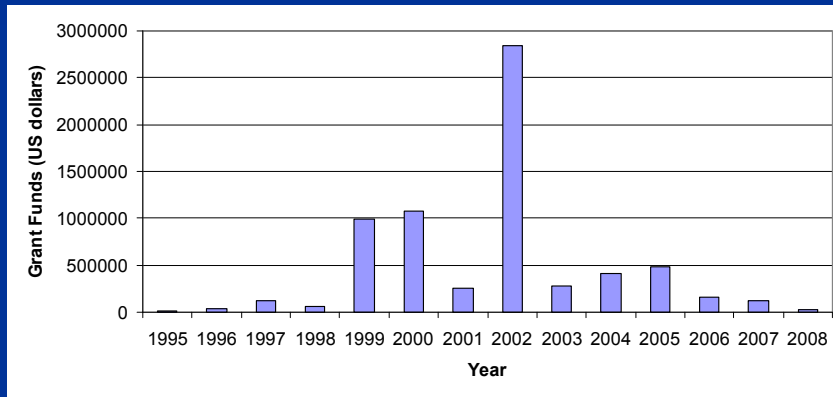
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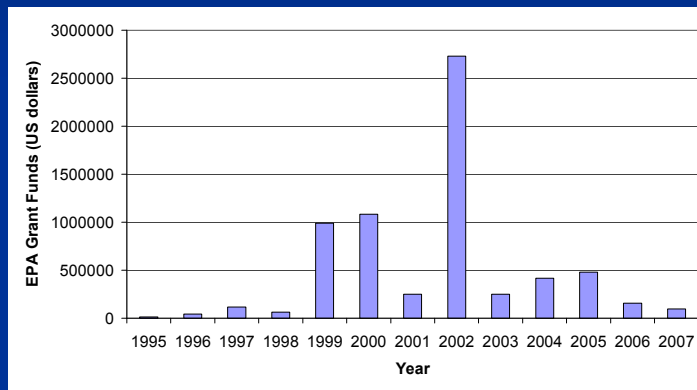
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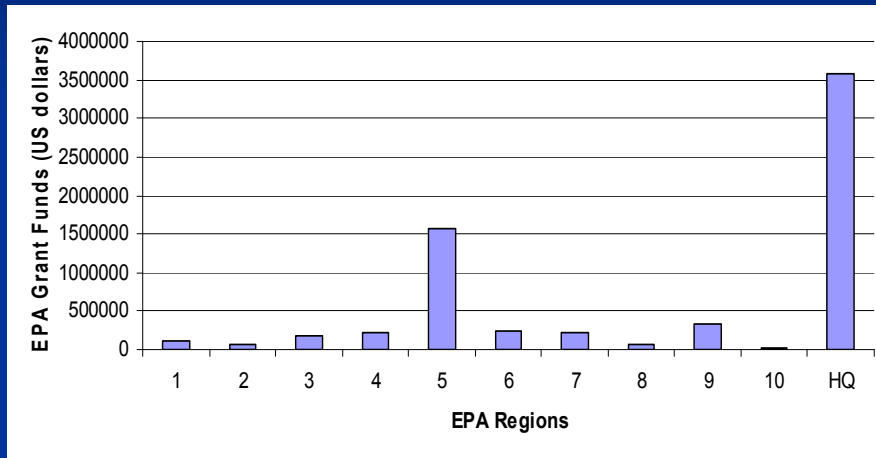
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EPA grant funds by region for IPM in schools and daycares from

1995 to 2008



Practical steps for implementation

- Demonstrate IPM to a model school district
- Develop a sustainable model program
- Transferring the IPM innovation to the state, world and beyond!

Demonstrate IPM in a model school district

- Pick a real model for transferability - The best managed schools with the worst pests
- "Paint a picture" of the current pest management - or lack of...
- Prioritize your recommendations - "IPM is a process, not a miracle"
- Train the school community that IPM is not more on their plate - "Do what you are doing now, just think pests."
- Evaluate and Nurture

"Paint a picture" of the current pest management - or lack of...

- Assess the pest problems and "Conducive Conditions"
- Assess the pest management
- Assess the costs of pest management

Pest Vulnerable Areas

- Kitchen, pantry and cafeteria
- Dumpsters
- Teachers lounge
- Custodial closets
- Special Ed/classroom/nursery
- Bathrooms
- External grounds

What do these areas have?

Food / water / shelter!

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And what can schools do best?
Eliminate

Conducive Conditions:
those things that
attract pests and allow
them to be where you
don't want them.

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Marc defines the Pest Management Professional as an:

“Diagnostician/educator”



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PMP - “Diagnostician”

- Your “professional” relationship
 - History
 - Inspection for conducive conditions
 - Inspection for pests
 - ID and biology
 - monitoring



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Time - By the minute (square ft. bids are not appropriate in schools)

- Elementary School average = 30-45 min/month
- Middle School average = 45-60 min/month
- High School average = 60-120 min/month



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IPM Training

- pest ID
- Pest Biology
- conducive condition ID using "ecological equivalents" and remediation
- All management alternatives ...and their safe use!



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What is IPM?

- ☞ Don't attract Pests
- ☞ Keep them out
- ☞ Get rid of them, if you are sure you have them with the safest, most effective method(s)



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Prove IPM is compatible with the district's current operations

- Doing what you do now---just think pests!!!
 - Security = monitoring
 - Energy conservation = exclusion
 - Sanitation = nothing to eat
 - Clutter control = no place to live

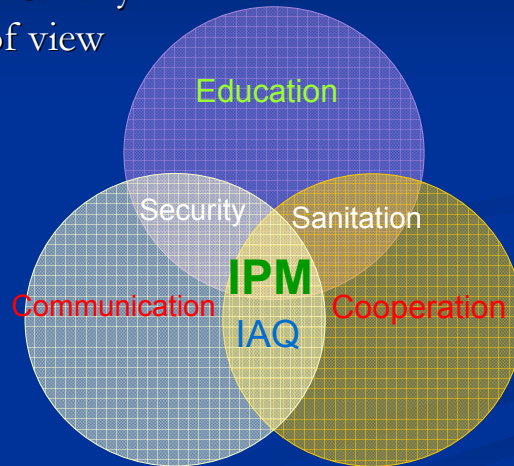
Food Water Shelter



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IPM is the center of all operations

At least from my point of view



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Sanitation

- Eliminate food, water and harborage for pests



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Exclusion

- Eliminate pest entry points



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monitoring

- Doing what you do now---just think pests!!!
 - Is there a problem?
 - How big is the problem?
 - Who needs to know?

COMMUNICATION!!!

- Who better to monitor than the inhabitants of the facility???

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Monitoring



- The only way to justify pesticide application
- Allows for proper diagnosis



Justified Applications

- Treat every pesticide like it might be banned...be precautious!
- Timing and Coverage based on children and target pest

Develop a sustainable model program

- Evaluate
- Confirm they make the right decision to adopt IPM - plaques, press, leadership

Up Front Investment

- **Critical Mass** - "occurs at the point at which enough individuals have adopted an innovation so that the innovation's further rate of adoption becomes self-sustaining" (Rogers, 1983) - the initiation of the exponential growth phase

What we measure - "pest management is people management"

- Diffusion
 1. IPM STDs - training, Pest Press, pest sighting logs, monitoring stations, no preventive treatments
 2. Membership in statewide coalitions
- Causes of pesticide use - pest perception and complaints
- Pesticide use - annual # applications/pilot school

Spanning 10 Years, 7 States and 5 EPA Regions:

- 71% Reduction in Pesticide Applications
- 78% Reduction in Pest Complaints to School Administrations

ARGUMENT -1997 ESA Meetings:

- Pests are defined by humans--not nature. Pest management is not confined to industry (agricultural or urban/structural). "Insects can be managed, but management is people oriented..." (Metcalf and Luckmann, 1975).
- IF you don't do it someone else will...

Questions???

