

Non-Agricultural Pest Control Issues Course

Agenda

August 3-6, 2026

Fort Collins, Colorado

Please note: All times listed on the agenda are in Mountain Time

Monday, August 3rd: Overview of Non-Agricultural Settings and Rodenticides

Dress Code: Monochromatic Monday

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| 7:30 am | Check in and Breakfast: <i>French toast, bacon, fried potatoes, and fruit salad</i> |
| 8:00 am | Welcoming Remarks
<i>Brian Verhougstraete, AAPCO President, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)</i> |
| 8:10 am | Course Overview and Logistics
<i>Cindy Wire, PREP Coordinator, US EPA OPP</i>
<i>Lisa Blecker, PREP Administrator, Colorado State University (CSU)</i> |
| 8:20 am | Icebreaker and Introductory Exercise
<i>Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU</i> |
| 9:30 am | Overview of Integrated Pest Management in Non-Agricultural Settings
<i>Syliva Kenmmuir, Senior Technical Services Representative, BASF</i> |
| 10:30 am | Break: Coffee, tea, yogurt, granola, and whole fruit |
| 10:45 am | A Primer on Rodent Control Methods
<i>Syliva Kenmmuir, BASF</i> |
| 11:45 pm | Group Photo |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch: <i>Burgers and fries</i> |

- 1:00 pm Legislative Challenges Across the Nation Related to Rodenticides
Matt Lopez, Pesticide Enforcement Manager, CO Department of Agriculture (CDA)
Ryan Okey, Assistant Director, Clemson University Department of Pesticide Regulation
Trinity Testa, Environmental Scientist, RI Department of Environmental Management Division of Agriculture and Forestry
Doug Van Hoewyk, Toxicologist, ME Board of Pesticides Control
- 2:30 pm Break: Potato chips and mountain trail mix
- 2:45 pm Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides and Endangered Species Act Considerations
Dana Friedman, Pesticide Registration Division, US EPA OPP
Bill Eckel, Senior Science Advisor, Environmental Fate and Effects Division, US EPA OPP
- 3:15 pm Overview of Rodenticide ESA Mitigation Proposals
Matt Lopez, CDA
- 4:15 pm Group Discussion and Q&A
Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

Tuesday, August 4th: Pesticide-Specific Regulatory and Management Issues

Dress Code: Team Tuesday

- 7:30 am** Breakfast: *Scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, bacon, fruit salad, and pastries*
- 8:00 am** Overview of Non-Agricultural Fumigation
Pam Peckman, Director of Technical Service, Industrial Fumigant Company (IFC)
- 9:00 am** Overview of Non-Agricultural Fumigation Active Ingredients
Pam Peckman, IFC
- 10:00 am** Break: *Yogurt, granola, and whole fruit*
- 10:15 am** Mitigation Requirements for Sulfuryl Fluoride
Steven Peterson, Team Leader, US EPA OPP
- 11:00 am** Group Discussion: Questions and Issues Related to Fumigants
Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU
- 12:00 pm** Lunch: *Taco bar with tortilla chips and guacamole*
- 1:00 pm** Registration of Structural Products: The Basics
Ralph Narain, Entomologist/Risk Manager, US EPA Registration Division
- 1:30 pm** Registration of Structural Products: State Perspectives
Amy Brown, Bureau Chief, FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)
Ryan Okey, Clemson University
Brian Kennedy, Program Administrator, AZ Department of Agriculture (AZDA)
- 2:30 pm** Panel: Understanding the Work of the ASPCRO Termiticide and Rodenticide Committees
Ryan Okey, Clemson University
Matt Lopez, CDA
- 3:15 pm** Break: *Mini muffins and rice krispie treats*
- 3:30 pm** Unique Considerations and Issues in Non-Agricultural Environments
Africa Dorame-Avalos, Pesticide Program Manager, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)
Monica Wells, Pesticide Control Specialist, NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

- 4:15 pm Cases Involving Landlords and Neighbors
- Doug Van Hoewyk, ME Board of Pesticides Control*
Becky Maguire, Pesticide Compliance Investigator, WA State
Department of Agriculture (WSDA)
Erik Wagner, Pesticide Inspector, WY Department of Agriculture
(WDA)
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

Wednesday, August 5th: Enforcement and Licensing Issues Related to Non-Agricultural Pest Control

Dress Code: Waikiki Wednesday

- 7:30 am** Breakfast: *Bagel bar with smoked salmon*
- 8:00 am** Implications for Certification and Training Programs
Ryne Yarger, Team Lead, Reevaluation Division, US EPA OPP
- 8:45 am** Group Exercise: Licensing and Training Requirements for Pest Control Professionals
Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU
- 9:30 am** Non-Agricultural Pesticide Certification Issues
Brian Kennedy, AZDA
Thomas Stage, Compliance & Enforcement Program Manager, GA Department of Agriculture (GDA)
- 10:00 am** Break: Yogurt, granola, and whole fruit
- 10:15 am** Non-Agricultural Pesticide Enforcement Case Studies
Monica Wells, NYSDEC
David Propoggio, Deputy Director of Structural Pest Control Programs, NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services-Division (NDACS)
Lyncee Zuehles, Certification and Licensing Program Manager, WI Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (WDATCP)
- 11:15 am** Group Discussion: What are Other Enforcement Considerations?
Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU
- 11:45 am** Field Trip Information and Instructions
Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU
- 12:00 pm** Lunch: Assorted deli meat sandwiches
- 1:00 pm** Field Trip
- 5:00 pm** Adjourn

Thursday, August 6th: Risk Communication Considerations

Dress Code: Thirsty Thursday

- 7:30 am Breakfast: *Breakfast tacos with chorizo*
- 8:00 am How to Navigate the Legislative Process
Megan Striegel, Senior Director, Public Policy, National Pest Management Association (NPMA)
- 9:00 am Risk Communication Basics
Kaci Buhl, Pesticide Safety Educator, Oregon State University (OSU)
- 10:00 am Break: *Yogurt, granola, and whole fruit*
- 10:15 am Debunking Misinformation
Kaci Buhl, OSU
- 11:15 am Understanding Available Resources
Kaci Buhl, OSU
- 12:00 pm Lunch: *Sesame chicken with fried rice, ginger coleslaw, and fortune cookies*
- 1:00 pm Communication Techniques for Reducing Tension and Conflict
Diane Bomer, MI Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)
- 1:45 pm Communication Practice Scenarios
Diane Bomer, MDARD
- 2:45 pm Break: *Tortilla chips with salsa and potato chips with onion dip*
- 3:00 pm Delusory Parasitosis
Kaci Buhl, OSU
- 3:45 pm Group Discussion: Establishing Best Management Practices
Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU
- 4:15 pm Travel
Lisa Blecker, CSU
- 4:30 pm Action Items and Wrap Up
Cindy Wire, EPA OPP
- 4:40 pm Final Thoughts and Acknowledgments
Lisa Blecker, CSU
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

6:00 pm Group Dinner at Verboten