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The Exclusive Online Newsletter for the Members of the Arizona Pest Professional Organization

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Hello AZPPO Members

As the dangerous flooding continues in Texas and parts of Louisiana, this is a time for our industry to come together and support our peers in the path of Hurricane Harvey. The American Red Cross is working hard to provide shelter and assistance to the hundreds of thousands who have been impacted by this disaster. **[Please consider donating to their efforts.](#)**

Our thoughts are with our colleagues in the affected area.

For other ways to help victims of Hurricane Harvey, [click here.](#)

NPMA Submits Comments to EPA on New Respirator Requirements When Using Borates

This week, NPMA [submitted comments](#) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning the proposed Boric Acid/Sodium Salts Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision. The primary purpose of the comments question the basis for EPA's newly proposed respirator requirements for structural pest management professionals when applying borates to commercial and residential structures. The occupational handler inhalation exposure rates used by EPA are flawed based on inaccurate inhalation exposures modeled

on EPA standard assumptions that far exceed actual structural use patterns. Safety is of paramount importance in the structural pest management industry, and if more stringent respirators are needed we would fully embrace their use, but we want to ensure that safety precautions are justified, rational and based on sound science and accurate data. Data collected by NPMA members who participated in our borates survey this past month was used to refute the actual amount of borates being handled by applicators on a daily basis. NPMA is urging EPA to conduct another analysis to justify the need for structural pest management professionals to wear PF5 and PF10 respirators when using borates and has offered to assist in data collection efforts and demonstrations of how borate products are actually used.

NPMA Meets with National Association of Realtors

This week, NPMA met with National Association of Realtors (NAR) to discuss potential areas of future collaboration. NPMA routinely engages with realtors concerning wood destroying organism questions, specifically NPMA forms 33, 99A and 99B. NAR has agreed to work with their members on what guidance or educational materials could be created by NPMA to assist in properly handling the forms and also to provide valuable information to home buyers. NAR also agreed to provide some input on the most common issues encountered with the forms. Lastly, NAR and NPMA agreed to explore other opportunities to collaborate efforts on legislative and regulatory issues where we have common interests.

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Upcoming Events

Click on an event below for more information

September 13
[AZPPO Board Meeting](#)

September 14
[Monthly Membership Meeting Phoenix](#)

September 14
[Certification Training: CORE and Ornamental & Turf](#)

September 15
[Certification Training: Wood Destroying Organisms and Industrial & Institutional](#)

Save the Date - 2018 Day at the Legislature - February 15, 2018

[SAVE THE DATE 2018 CONFERENCE - March 27-29, 2018](#)

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