



**AGRICULTURE COUNCIL OF INDIANA NEWSLETTER**  
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**ACI Hears Testimony on Dicamba at IPRB Meeting**

The Indiana Pesticide Review Board (“IPRB”) met at the Beck Agricultural Center in West Lafayette on August 30. Much of the meeting, which was attended by Amy Cornell and Lesa Dietrick, focused on Dicamba and the IPRB proposed rule to change its status from general use to restricted use. The IPRB heard from Dave Scott, Office of the IN State Chemist, who gave a slide presentation on the recent history of Dicamba usage. He indicated that since 2016 there has been a huge increase in the number of drift complaints/violations. Bill Johnson and Joe Ikley, from Purdue Weed Science, followed Dave and offered another detailed slide presentation on Dicamba.

Following the presentations the Board asked for comments from those in attendance. Representatives from the Indiana Winery and Vineyards Association and the pesticide manufacturing industry both expressed their support for the “restricted use” provision. After public comment the board began a brief discussion on the proposed rule, and struck language dealing with the labeling phrase. The board voted unanimously on the amended version of the proposed rule, the final version of which can be found here: [https://www.oisc.purdue.edu/oisc\\_rules\\_regs\\_laws.html#pestlaws](https://www.oisc.purdue.edu/oisc_rules_regs_laws.html#pestlaws).

Below is information sent out prior to the meeting with links on the meeting agenda and materials discussed above.

Meeting agenda, location directions, and other advance materials for the meeting have been posted on the IPRB web site at <http://www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/iprb.html> . In addition, a significant portion of the meeting agenda will consist of dicamba herbicide related issues. Much of the background for those discussions has been captured on the OISC “Dicamba Update” web link <http://www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/dicamba.html> . This link includes details on the dicamba State RUP proposed rule, including public hearing comments filed to date. Board members are encouraged to review those comments before the vote on final adoption of the rule, to be taken at this meeting.

## **ACI Supports the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017**

Thirteen co-signers from across the State of Indiana, including ACI sent a letter to Senator Donnelly and his staff urging his support of the S. 951, the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017. ACI believes that regulations need to be narrowly tailored, supported by strong and credible data and evidence, and impose the lowest possible burden while still implementing Congressional intent. Click [HERE](#) to read the letter for full details.

## **The Indiana General Assembly's Interim Study Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Meets**

This Interim Study Committee met on August 29, 2017. Senator Sue Glick chairs the committee and Rep. Don Lehe serves as co-chair. The notes from the committee can be found by clicking [HERE](#). The ACI Government Affairs team is monitoring the committee and staying engaged on the issues. You can follow the committee on [this site](#).

## **FMCSA Changes to Hazardous Materials Safety Program Requirements for Ammonia**

*Source: The Fertilizer Institute*

On Aug. 29, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) [posted changes on its website](#) and began outreach to carriers of anhydrous ammonia that a Hazardous Materials Safety Permit (HMSP) is no longer required when domestically transporting anhydrous ammonia. Ammonia is still classified as a 2.2 inhalation hazard. Carriers will still have to meet all of the associated requirements for carrying a 2.2 hazard, including related tank placards. However, a HMSP will no longer be required for domestic transportation of anhydrous ammonia.

This change has been under discussion at FMCSA for many years. It is an adjustment of FMCSA's interpretation of the regulation related to hazardous materials safety permitting.

Per FMCSA, "if you are a motor carrier who holds a HMSP exclusively for the transportation of anhydrous ammonia domestically, FMCSA needs your permission to remove you from the HMSP program. You cannot remove yourself online.

Please send a request for removal from the HMSP program by sending an email to [fmcsa.hmsp@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsa.hmsp@dot.gov). The email should include your company name and US DOT number, a point of contact, and a brief statement as to the reason for removal, including that you do not transport any other material requiring an HMSP. This will serve as your formal request and it will be placed in your permanent motor carrier file. For questions or concerns, contact the Hazardous Materials Division, at 202-385-2307 or by email at: [fmcsa.hmsp@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsa.hmsp@dot.gov)."

## **Indiana Department of Labor Agriculture Worker Safety & Health Webinar**

The Indiana Department of Labor works to collaborate with industry stakeholders on educating employees about work-related safety and health. Please [click here](#) to review the webinar and presentation and use it as a resource in your workplace.