

7th Annual EPA Region 7/8 and State Departments of Agriculture Meeting –Agenda
EPA Region 8 Office – 1595 Wynkoop St. Denver, CO

December 11, 2017: – Rocky Mountain/Sagebrush Rooms (2nd floor)

- 1:00 pm** **Check in: Coffee**
- 1:30 pm** **Introductions and Logistics**
Doug Benevento, EPA Region 8 Regional Administrator
- 1:40 pm** **EPA Welcome**
Doug Benevento and Jim Gulliford, EPA Regional Administrators, Regions 7 & 8
- 1:50 pm** **National EPA Agriculture Update**
Jeffery Sands, EPA Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Agriculture Policy
- 2:20 pm** **Office of Pesticide Program (OPP) Update**
Rick Keigwin, EPA OPP Director
- Worker Protection Standards
 - Certification & Training of Pesticide Applicators Rule
 - Endangered Species Act
 - Weed Resistance
- 3:20 pm** **Break**
- 3:30 pm** **Dicamba Roundtable**
- EPA Update – *Rick Keigwin, EPA OPP*
 - State Roundtable – Discussion Questions:
 - Does your state anticipate issues associated with dicamba use in 2018?
 - What is your State’s plan to address those potential concerns?
 - What support do you need from EPA Regionally and nationally on this issue?
- 4:15 pm** **Marijuana/Industrial Hemp and Pesticides Roundtable**
- EPA Update – *Rick Keigwin, EPA OPP*
 - State Roundtable – Discussion Questions:
 - What pest pressures are you seeing in cannabis production (indoors/outdoors)?
 - How is your state addressing pesticide concerns related to cannabis?
 - Any other concerns state wish to raise.
- 5:15 pm** **Closing**
Doug Benevento, EPA Regions 8
- 5:30 pm** **Meeting Adjourns**
- 6:30pm** **(Optional) Dinner at Rialto Cafe**

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Dec. 12, 2017: RA's Conference Room (9th Floor)

- 7:45 am** **Check in:** Coffee and breakfast cookies
- 8:00 am** **Opening/Logistics**
Doug Benevento, EPA Region 8 Regional Administrator
- 8:05 am** **Cooperative Federalism and EPA**
- Status update on EPA's regulatory reform efforts/Cooperative Federalism
 - *National Perspective - Ken Wagner, EPA Senior Advisor for Regional and State Affairs*
 - *Regional Perspective - Jim Gulliford and Doug Benevento, EPA Regions 7 & 8*
 - State Roundtable
 - Discussion Questions:
 - What are the top 1-2 issues of concern in your state that involve EPA?
 - What role can Regions play to help overcome these issues of concern?
 - How can EPA/states more effectively share data and other info between each other?
 - What issues should EPA (HQ/Regions) be engaging with agriculture on in your State?
 - How can EPA (HQ/Regions) better partner with States on topics important to Ag?
- 11:00 am** **Lunch – Jason's Deli**
- 12:00 pm** **Water Quality and Agriculture Roundtable**
Susan Metzger, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture
- Update on Kansas WRAPS Program and water quality activities in Kansas
 - State Roundtable on water quality activities in their states
- 1:00 pm** **EPA Budget Update**
Rick Buhl, EPA Region 8 Assistant Regional Administrator for the Office of Technical and Management Services (tentative)
- 1:30 pm** **Break**
- 1:45 pm** **Air Quality and Agriculture Update**
- *Robin Dunkins, EPA Office of Air and Radiation (via phone)*
 - Discussion Questions:
 - How can the Regions help support the states?
 - What tools/resources are needed to help producers be in compliance?
- 2:45 pm** **Closing & Action Item Review**
Jim Gulliford, EPA Region 7
Discussion Questions:
- Should Region 7&8 continue to partner for this meeting?
 - Should this meeting be held in the winter or summer months in future years?
- 3:00 pm** **Meeting Adjourns**