

LOUISIANA AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY AND SEED COMMISSION
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
5825 Florida Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
October 23, 2014
9:00 a.m.

Proceedings

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Mr. Fred Bass, Confidential Assistant to Commissioner Mike Strain.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Mrs. Tina Ficklin.

The following commission members or their Designees were present: Mr. Fred Bass, Designee for Commissioner Mike Strain; Dr. Phillip Elzer, Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. John Saichuk, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Services; Mr. Don Philley, Fertilizer Industry, LAIA and Mr. Ed O'Neal, Feed Industry, LAIA. A quorum was declared.

Absent from the meeting: Mr. Ronnie Anderson, Louisiana Farm Bureau Association; Mr. Michael Hensgens, Seed Industry, LAIA

Others Present: Todd Parker, Assistant Commissioner of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; Dr. Mark LeBlanc, Director of Agricultural Chemistry Programs Division; Angelle Pearson, Assistant Director of Agricultural Chemistry Programs Division; Meagan Davis, Feed Program Director, Agricultural Chemistry Programs Division; Kevin Wofford, Director LDAF Seed Programs Division; Lester Cannon, Assistant Director LDAF Seed Programs Division; Lauren Boydston, Agricultural Chemistry Programs Division; Cheryl McGee, Agricultural Chemistry Programs Division; Tina Ficklin, LDAF Seed Programs Division, Christopher Mora, LDAF Legal Counsel and Ms. Lindsey Hunter, Assistant Attorney General.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Philley made a motion to approve the proceedings as written from the June 19, 2014 Louisiana Agricultural Chemistry and Seed Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neal and passed unanimously.

SET NEXT HEARING DATE

Mr. Wofford requested to set the next meeting date of the Commission for April 23, 2015. All parties were in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

HEARING OF CASES

Lindsey Hunter, Hearing Officer, explained the adjudicatory hearing process to the Commission.

SEED PROGRAM

Case No. 13-25 The Home Depot #385

The commission was informed that a stipulation agreement had been reached between the LDAF and the Respondent whereby the respondents neither agree nor deny the violations but accepts the penalty as presented. Case evidence, Exhibit 1 – Charge Letters sent via Certified Mail with signed receipts and Exhibit 2 – Signed, witnessed and notarized Stipulation letters were presented to the commission by LDAF legal counsel, Christopher Mora and Seed Programs Assistant Director Lester Cannon. Lindsey Hunter accepted the evidence presented.

The stipulation agreement required that the Respondent be charged a penalty of Thirty-two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000), whereby the Department agreed to waive half of the fine for a first-time offense for a total payable penalty of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000). The suspended amount is for a probationary period of one year barring that there are no further violations by that company during that time.

Mr. O’Neal made a motion to accept the stipulation letter as the findings of facts and conclusions of law and to accept the recommended penalty of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00). The motion was seconded by Dr. Saichuk and passed unanimously.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY PROGRAMS DIVISION

CASES WITH STIPULATIONS:

- A. Companies charged with three (3) delinquent feed/pet food tonnage report violations with no prior appearances in the past five years.

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| Case No. 2014-01 | B & B Distribution, LLC |
| Case No. 2014-03 | Blackwood Pet Food, LLC |
| Case No. 2014-04 | Champion Pet Foods |
| Case No. 2014-07 | Imu Tek Animal Health, Inc |
| Case No. 2014-08 | Int’l Pet Supplies & Dist/PetCo |
| Case No. 2014-09 | Miracle Corp Products |
| Case No. 2014-13 | Vitamin Derivatives, Inc |

Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one and two be accepted into evidence as the findings of fact and conclusions of law. Exhibit one: charge letters sent via certified mail with signed receipts. Exhibit two: signed, witnessed and notarized Stipulations between the LDAF and Respondents. Ms. Lindsey Hunter, hearing officer, accepted the evidence presented. Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the stipulation letters as the findings of facts and conclusions of law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bass and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalties. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Mr. O'Neal made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per respondent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

Case No. 2014-06 Dairy & Beef Consulting

Ms. Meagan Davis read a letter from owner Bob Drew responding to the reason why the company was late in filing reports due to health issues. The Commission members discussed waiving the penalty of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) due to owner hardship.

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the stipulation as findings of fact and conclusions of law but to waive the penalty of \$300.00 due to hardship reasons. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bass and passed unanimously.

B. Companies charged with three (3) delinquent feed/pet food tonnage report violations with prior appearances in the past five years.

Case No. 2014-02 Bert & Wetta Sales, Inc

Case No. 2014-10 Omega Sea, Ltd

Case No. 2014-14 Wal Mart c/o Hampshire Pet Products

Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one and two be accepted into evidence as the findings of fact and conclusions of law. Exhibit one: charge letters sent via certified mail with signed receipts. Exhibit two: signed, witnessed and notarized Stipulations between the LDAF and Respondents. Ms. Hunter accepted the evidence presented.

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the stipulation letters as the findings of facts and conclusions of law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bass and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalties. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per respondent.

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per respondent. The motion was seconded by Dr. Elzer and passed unanimously.

C. Companies charged with four (4) delinquent feed/pet food tonnage reports with no prior appearances in the past five years.

Case No. 2014-17 Biozyme, Inc

Case No. 2014-18 Novus Int'l, Inc

Case No. 2014-19 Pet Guard

Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one and two be accepted into evidence as the findings of fact and conclusions of law. Exhibit one: charge letters sent via certified mail with signed receipts. Exhibit two: signed, witnessed and notarized Stipulations between the LDAF and Respondents. Ms. Hunter accepted the evidence presented.

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the stipulation letters as the findings of facts and conclusions of law. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neal and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalties. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per respondent.

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per respondent. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neal and passed unanimously.

E. Companies charged with three (3) delinquent fertilizer tonnage reports with no prior appearances in the past five years.

Case No. 2014-22 Calcium Products

Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one and two be accepted into evidence as the findings of fact and conclusions of law. Exhibit one: charge letters sent via certified mail with signed receipts. Exhibit two: signed, witnessed and notarized Stipulations between the LDAF and Respondents. Ms. Hunter accepted the evidence presented.

Dr. Philley made a motion to accept the stipulation letters as the findings of facts and conclusions of law. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saichuk and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalties. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per respondent.

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per respondent. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neal and passed unanimously.

F. Companies charged with four (4) delinquent fertilizer tonnage reports with no prior appearances in the past five years.

Case No. 2014-28 HML Enterprises

Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one and two be accepted into evidence as the findings of fact and conclusions of law. Exhibit one: charge letters sent via certified mail with signed receipts. Exhibit two: signed, witnessed and notarized Stipulations between the LDAF and Respondents. Ms. Hunter accepted the evidence presented.

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to accept the stipulation letters as the findings of facts and conclusions of law. The motion was seconded by Dr. Elzer and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalties. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of four hundred dollars (\$400.00).

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of four hundred dollars (\$400.00). The motion was seconded by Dr. Elzer and passed unanimously.

G. Companies charged with four (4) delinquent fertilizer tonnage reports with prior appearances in the past five years.

Case No. 2014-27 Chrystal International BV

Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one and two be accepted into evidence as the findings of fact and conclusions of law. Exhibit one: charge letters sent via certified mail with signed receipts. Exhibit two: signed, witnessed and notarized Stipulations between the LDAF and Respondents. Ms. Hunter accepted the evidence presented.

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the stipulation letters as the findings of facts and conclusions of law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalties. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00).

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of one hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00). The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

H. Companies charged with three (3) delinquent lime tonnage reports with no prior appearances in the past five years.

Case No. 2014-29 Calcium Products

Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one and two be accepted into evidence as the findings of fact and conclusions of law. Exhibit one: charge letters sent via certified mail with signed receipts. Exhibit two: signed, witnessed and notarized Stipulations between the LDAF and Respondents. Ms. Hunter accepted the evidence presented.

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the stipulation letters as the findings of facts and conclusions of law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalties. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

I. Companies continued to next hearing date.

Case No. 2014-11 Swift & Co c/o JBS USA
Case No. 2014-26 Worldgrow International

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to continue both cases until the next hearing date due to incomplete paperwork. The motion was seconded by Dr. Elzer and passed unanimously.

J. Companies continued from 2012/2013 charged with three (3) delinquent feed/pet food tonnage reports.

Case No. 2013-11 Northdown Industries
Case No. 2013-23 Supervalu Inc/Northdown Industries
Case No. 2014-26 Wal Mart/Northdown Industries

Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one and two be accepted into evidence as the findings of fact and conclusions of law. Exhibit one: charge letters sent via certified mail with signed receipts. Exhibit two: signed, witnessed and notarized Stipulations between the LDAF and Respondents. Ms. Hunter accepted the evidence presented.

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the stipulation letters as the findings of facts and conclusions of law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalties. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation for a total fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

K. DISMISSED CASES

Mr. Mora presented the cases that were dismissed from charges due to administrative error(s).

Case No. 2013-12 Mascotas Munoz Magana/Summa Int'l
Case No. 2013-32 Tri State Agri Services
Case No. 2013-40 Southern Excellence
Case No. 2014-23 Farmers Supply Co-op
Case No. 2014-24 Nipan, LLC

CASES WITHOUT STIPULATIONS:

Ms. Hunter swore Ms. Angelle Pearson in to testify as witness for all non-stipulated cases.

Case No. 2014-12 Vital Source Group, LLC dba Pack'N Pride

Mr. Chris Mora asked Ms. Angelle Pearson if she recognized Exhibits one through three, she agreed. Mr. Mora asked that Exhibit one through three be accepted into evidence.

Exhibit 1: Charge Letter sent via Certified Mail with receipt.

Exhibit 2: Second Quarter Tonnage Report

Exhibit 3: Third Quarter Tonnage Report

Quarterly Reports:

Second: Late (March 18, 2014)

Third: Late (June 18, 2014)

Fourth: Not Received

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to find Vital Source Group, LLC dba Pack’N Pride in violation of the Louisiana Feed Law for the late/non-filing of three quarterly tonnage reports and inspection fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalty. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of six hundred dollars (\$600.00). The motion was seconded by Dr. Saichuk and passed unanimously.

Companies charged with three (3) delinquent feed/pet food tonnage reports *with* prior appearances in the past five years.

Case No. 2014-05 Conagra Foods Food Ingredients Co, Inc

Mr. Chris Mora asked Ms. Angelle Pearson if she recognized Exhibits one through four, she agreed. Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one through four be accepted into evidence.

Exhibit 1: Charge Letter sent via Certified Mail with receipt.

Exhibit 2: First Quarter Tonnage Report

Exhibit 3: Third Quarter Tonnage Report

Exhibit 4: Fourth Quarter Tonnage Report

Quarterly Reports:

First: Late (January 16, 2014)

Third: Late (October 6, 2014)

Fourth: Late (October 19, 2014)

Dr. Elzer made a motion to find Conagra Foods Food Ingredients Co, Inc in violation of the Louisiana Feed Law for the late filing of three quarterly tonnage reports and inspection fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. O’Neal and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalty. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per violation for a total fine of twelve-hundred dollars (\$1,200.00).

Mr. Philley made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per violation for a total fine of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00). The motion was seconded by Dr. Elzer and passed unanimously.

Companies charged with four (4) delinquent feed/pet food tonnage reports with no prior appearances in the past five years.

Case No. 2014-16 Big Bend Minerals

Mr. Chris Mora asked Ms. Angelle Pearson if she recognized Exhibits one through three, she agreed. Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one through three be accepted into evidence.

Exhibit 1: Charge Letter sent via Certified Mail with receipt.

Exhibit 2: First Quarter Tonnage Report

Exhibit 3: Second Quarter Tonnage Report

Quarterly Reports:

First: Late (February 26, 2014)

Second: Late (February 26, 2014)

Third: Not Received

Fourth: Not Received

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to find Big Bend Minerals in violation of the Louisiana Feed Law for the late/non-filing of four quarterly tonnage reports and inspection fees. Dr. Elzer seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalty. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00).

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00). The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neal and passed unanimously.

Companies charged with four (4) delinquent feed/pet food tonnage reports *with* prior appearances in the past five years.

Case No. 2014-15 American Health Kennels

Mr. Chris Mora asked Ms. Angelle Pearson if she recognized Exhibits one through three, she agreed. Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one through three be accepted into evidence.

Exhibit 1: Charge Letter sent via Certified Mail with receipt.

Exhibit 2: First Quarter Tonnage Report

Exhibit 3: Second Quarter Tonnage Report

Quarterly Reports:

First: Late (February 11, 2014)
Second: Late (February 5, 2014)
Third: Not Received
Fourth: Not Received

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to find American Health Kennels in violation of the Louisiana Feed Law for the late/non-filing of four quarterly tonnage reports and inspection fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalty. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per violation for a total fine of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00).

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per violation for a total fine of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00). The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

Companies charged with three (3) delinquent fertilizer tonnage reports with no prior appearances in the past five years.

Case No. 2014-20 Absorbent Technologies

Mr. Chris Mora asked Ms. Angelle Pearson if she recognized Exhibit one, she agreed. Mr. Mora asked that Exhibit one be accepted into evidence.

Exhibit 1: Charge Letter sent via Certified Mail with receipt.

Quarterly Reports:

First: Received Timely
Second: Not Received
Third: Not Received
Fourth: Not Received

Dr. Elzer made a motion to find Absorbent Technologies in violation of the Louisiana Fertilizer Law for the late/non-filing of three quarterly tonnage reports and inspection fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neal and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalty. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of six hundred dollars (\$600.00). The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

Case No. 2014-21 Benick Brands CP, LLC

Mr. Chris Mora asked Ms. Angelle Pearson if she recognized Exhibit one, she agreed. Mr. Mora asked that Exhibit one be accepted into evidence.

Exhibit 1: Charge Letter sent via Certified Mail with receipt.

Quarterly Reports:

First: Received Timely
Second: Not Received
Third: Not Received
Fourth: Not Received

Mr. Philley made a motion to find Benick Brands, LLC in violation of the Louisiana Fertilizer Law for the late/non-filing of three quarterly tonnage reports and inspection fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neal and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalty. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

Dr. Elzer made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of six hundred dollars (\$600.00). The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neal and passed unanimously.

Case No. 2014-25 W. Atlee Burpee & Company

Mr. Chris Mora asked Ms. Angelle Pearson if she recognized Exhibit one, she agreed. Mr. Mora asked that Exhibit one be accepted into evidence.

Exhibit 1: Charge Letter sent via Certified Mail with receipt.

Quarterly Reports:

First: Not Received
Second: Not Received
Third: Received Timely
Fourth: Not Received

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to find W. Atlee Burpee & Company in violation of the Louisiana Fertilizer Law for the late/non-filing of three quarterly tonnage reports and inspection fees was made by Dr. Johnny Saichuk, seconded by Dr. Philip Elzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalty. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

Mr. O'Neal made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of six hundred dollars (\$600.00). The motion was seconded by Dr. Elzer and passed unanimously.

Companies continued from 2012-2013 charged with four (4) delinquent feed/pet food tonnage reports.

Case No. 2013-30 K-9 Natural Foods

Mr. Chris Mora asked Ms. Angelle Pearson if she recognized Exhibits one through five, she agreed. Mr. Mora asked that Exhibits one through five be accepted into evidence.

Exhibit 1: Charge Letter sent via Certified Mail with receipt.

Exhibit 2: First Quarter Tonnage Report FY 13

Exhibit 3: Second Quarter Tonnage Report FY 13

Exhibit 4: Third Quarter Tonnage Report FY 13

Exhibit 5: Fourth Quarter Tonnage Report FY 13

Quarterly Reports:

First: Late November 20, 2012

Second: Late October 15, 2013

Third: Late October 15, 2013

Fourth: Late October 15, 2013

Dr. Elzer made a motion to find K-9 Natural Foods in violation of the Louisiana Feed Law for the late/non-filing of four quarterly tonnage reports and inspection fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neal and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked Ms. Pearson for a recommendation on the penalty. Ms. Pearson recommended a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00).

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to accept the recommended penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation for a total fine of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00). The motion was seconded by Dr. Elzer and passed unanimously.

BREAK – 5 minutes.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:24 a.m.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Dr. Elzer made a motion to amend the agenda to hear an update on the Seed Lab. The motion was seconded by Mr. Philley and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Mrs. Tina Ficklin.

The following commission members or their Designees were present: Mr. Fred Bass, Designee for Commissioner Mike Strain; Dr. Philip Elzer, Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. John Saichuk, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Services; Mr. Don Philley, LAIA, Fertilizer Industry and Mr. Ed O'Neal, Feed Industry, LAIA. A quorum was declared.

Absent from the meeting: Mr. Ronnie Anderson, Louisiana Farm Bureau Association; Mr. Michael Hensgens, Seed Industry, LAIA

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Seed Lab Programs

Mr. Kevin Wofford gave an update on the Seed Lab Program.

Discussion concerning red rice/weedy rice plants being detected in seed rice fields.

Mr. Lester Cannon gave an overview of rice certification standards. Mr. Cannon proposed to have a committee made up of LDAF staff, LSU, and individuals from the rice industry to gather for further discussion due to a possible negative impact to industry. Dr. Saichuk updated the Commission on an issue currently seen while inspecting seed rice fields. It is very difficult to distinguish red rice/weedy rice/off-type plants even to the seasoned inspector. Dr. Saichuk agreed that the weedy rice resembles red rice and to a field inspector, may be incorrectly identified as red rice. There is a need for LSU to provide inspectors with clear and descriptive characteristics to help identify **and possibly changes to seed law in regards to off-types in the rice certification standards**. Dr. Steve Linscombe further explained the possible negative impact of this issue due to the dormancy of up to 30 years for red rice.

Agricultural Chemistry Programs Division: Update on the FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act

Dr. Mark Leblanc gave an update on the Agricultural Chemistry Programs Division and the status of the FSMA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Saichuk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Elzer and passed unanimously.