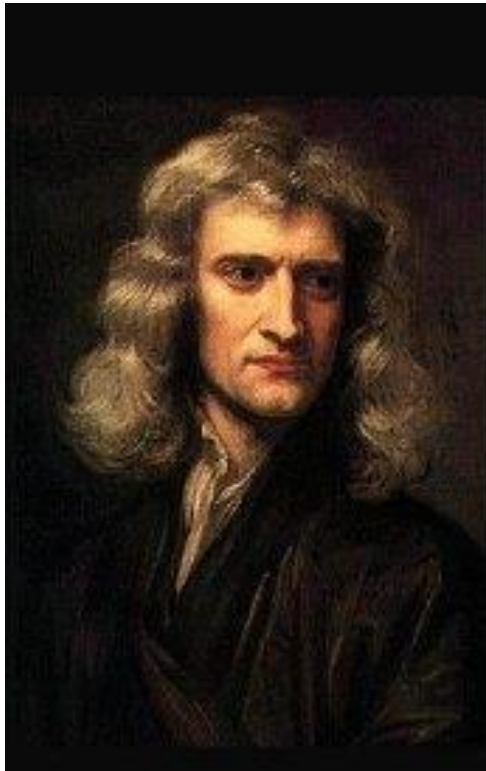




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An Overview of the CPDA/CLA Joint Inert Steering Committee (JISC)

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If I have seen further than others, it is by standing
upon the shoulders of giants.

(Isaac Newton)



Short History of CPDA Inerts Efforts

1992 – Roger Garst, Chip Collins, Scott Tann & Carmine Sesa met in Cincinnati before FQPA to discuss rumors of “reassessment” and approached EPA

CPDA “AIC” was just starting – “lets do something”

Surfactant Task Force formed (only surfactant companies)



History (Continued)

Concerns about cost among surfactant companies led to involvement of major pesticide companies

The Inerts Risk Assessment Steering Committee (IRASC) 2002

By 2007 several concerns about governance led to changes – no bylaws and no oversight plus antitrust concerns



2007 - Inert Steering Committee formed, with some CLA members joining with CPDA members

The ISC becoming a subcommittee of CPDA AIC

- Initially 22 members of ISC, mostly surfactant manufacturers and pesticide producers

Eventually the helped form the **JITF(Joint Inert Task Force)** and subsequent **Cluster teams** as a way to share costs for reassessment



Eventually CPDA decided the job was complete and the relationship with CLA was ended.

JITF was disbanded, but Clusters are still active

Inert issues more or less defaulted to the **Inerts Working Group (IWG)**, and gradually lower activity was recorded

In late 2018 CPDA and CLA decided to re-engage with IWG

With recent LOU, the new **Joint Inert Steering Committee (JISC)** combining the inert teams from CLA and CPDA is formed.



What is the **Joint Inert Steering Committee??**

- A combination of CLA and CDPA members concerned with Inert Issues
- Why “JISC” name
 - Options were “Working group” designation
 - *But*EPA pays more attention to Committees rather than Working Groups



Committee membership is open to CLA and CPDA members

Current roster is approximately 60 members

Meeting schedule is approximately quarterly, alternating conference calls and live meetings

Co-chairs Carmine Sesa and Kevin Crosby



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Communication is simple: Address an email to

inerts@croplifeamerica.org

And all members receive an email.



First communication to combined mailing list was
6/17/2019

First conference call was on JULY 11, 2019

Next scheduled meeting Monday Oct 21 at ASTM E-
35 meeting in Houston, TX



- Committee has gotten off to good start
- Good communication with CLA members so far

From agenda of first meeting, interests and concerns of CLA and CPDA members can be very different but JISC is a good forum for all issues to be discussed



Conference call items

- International questions from France and NZ
- Question on column 3 of inert finder – does it have regulatory binding language or not? (No answer yet)
- WSDA spreadsheet

- Commodity inerts
- EPA resourcing issues
- Self certification of group A and B data



CPDA adjuvant Certification program

- Computer malfunction, over 6 months of submissions got parked cyberspace (> 20 products)
- Rebecca Peters (Precision) took over the leadership on this function
- Happy to report the 6 month backlog is eliminated and there are no pending certifications
- Thank you Rebecca!



Issues **Short** and **Long** term

- Oregon disclosure rules on fertilizer/soil additives
- TAM
- Rumors of new ai drift testing
- EU microplastics issues
- How to sell CPDA products into Brazil?
- Biostimulant regulations
- Interaction with other industry groups (eg ACC)
can leverage our influence
- CST data exclusivity expires in 5 to 7 years



Conclusions:

- The **JISC** has considerable a) expertise and b) interest from members
- CLA/CPDA cooperation gives all of us more influence
- A forum for addressing publicly known issues AND support for individual companies if desired
- ALL our issues are regulatory in nature, even scientific issues



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Thank You

How can JISC help you?