


EPA Fall 2014 Newsletter Features LDA

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP), of which the Lyme Disease Association (LDA) is a long time member, features LDA in its Fall 2014 newsletter. PESP is designed to reduce pests, in this case, ticks, and reduce the exposure to ticks with minimal use of pesticides – how Integrated Pest Management (IPM) can be applied to reduce the incidence of potentially debilitating Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. Read about it below. Click below for pdf of PESPWire Newsletter



Happy Trails, Candy!

As an especially notable accomplishment of Candy's regulatory career with the EPA's Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Division, she served as the Director of Pesticide Programs from August 2002. Candy, a biologist with 17 years of federal service, spent much of her career with EPA. She devoted her last two years to the Environmental Stewardship Branch to support IPM and our PMA efforts.

In her early career, she focused on ecological risk assessments and ecological monitoring. Candy has helped to evaluate prevention and control methods for vectors that pose risks to public health, including tick-borne diseases.

An especially notable accomplishment of Candy's regulatory career with the EPA's Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Division was her role as the project manager for the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP), a group comprised of 14 agencies including EPA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Agriculture, Geological Survey, National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, National Institute of Health, and National Park Service. Candy was instrumental in establishing the production of this important document.

Candy was a leader and incredibly dynamic force in promoting IPM tactics to reduce the risk from ticks and tick-borne diseases. She was active in the work, interacting with her personal passion. We'll surely miss her ever-present optimism and support for IPM!

Featured Member: The Lyme Disease Association

We sat down with Pat Smith, President of the Lyme Disease Association, Inc. (LDA), to discuss her organization's work promoting Lyme disease and how Integrated Pest Management (IPM) can be applied to reduce the incidence of this potentially debilitating disease. LDA is a longstanding Silver-level member of the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program.

Can you give us some background on your organization's history and goals?

LDA's mission is to promote awareness of and control the spread of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases (TBD) through education of health care professionals, the public, and government officials; testing and clearing land for vectors; edge research; vector, reservoir, and host management; and other innovative projects and assisting underserved/underserved patients.

LDA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on research, education, prevention and patient support. LDA began as the Lyme Disease Association of Central Jersey in 1991, then became the Lyme Disease Association of New Jersey in 1993. Formed by patients and doctors who saw the need to organize to find research and education resources on this often-forgotten disease, LDA has since expanded its reach to include other states. LDA became the Lyme Disease Association, Inc. with a broader mission. LDA is volunteer-run and offers membership for specific expertise or support.

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