


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!

It's time to get back out there with your favorite "Candy" character, who joined EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs on August 2nd. 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 IPM 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 was the 2014 Federal Initiative – Tick-Borne Disease Integrated Pest Management White Paper. The document was the product of a two-year collaboration by the Federal Tick-Borne Disease IPM Working Group, 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 finalizing 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 field with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) teams for over 10 years. She is always open to your suggestions 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 the then-unknown illness, Lyme. LDA has offices in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. LDA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. LDA is a volunteer organization and relies on donations for specific projects or needs. [Contact us now!](#)

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