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July 03, 2019

Ensuring public safety and adherence to product quality

Regional Officer Alita Bornea of Davao Region met with representatives from the Everspring Indonesia, composed by some of the company's chemists and their plant manager, to discuss about the incident of container bloating of their product Oxamyl 240SL. Cognizant of the Philippine law on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide products, the company expressed that they intend to conduct a retrieval operation of said product, in coordination with their Filipino partner the Kemika Filipinas, Inc. and their distributor Monarch Agricultural Product, Inc. This is to ensure the safety of the end-users, as well as to provide them quality inputs.



July 03, 2019

FPA continues to conduct IEC campaign thru radio program

FPA Region VIII Team led by Regional Officer Francis Salvador Costas discussed Proper Handling and Usage of Fertilizer and Pesticide Products during their radio guesting at the DYSM Aksyon Radyo in Catarman Northern, Samar. Specifically, they informed the listeners regarding Presidential Decree 1144; fertilizer and pesticide regulation; handling and storage; transport and distribution; poisoning and first aid; and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide.

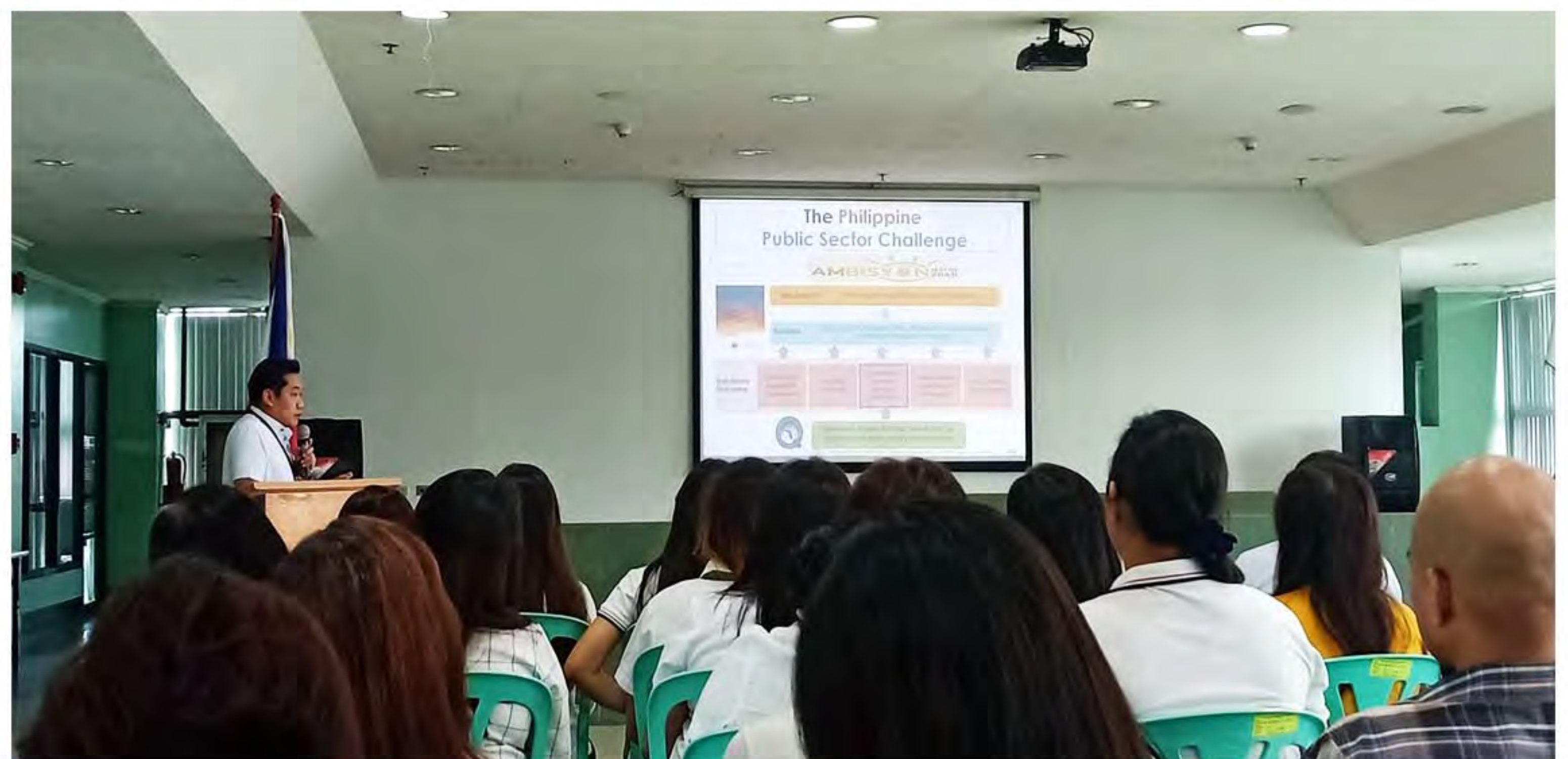


July 03-05, 2019

ISO workshop on streamlining frontline services

To identify the improvements needed as part of streamlining FPA's regulatory services, a Seminar-Workshop on Streamlining Frontline Services was conducted last July 3-5, 2019 at the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI).

Errol John Ramos, Planning Officer IV of PMID, presented the training highlights during the flag ceremony on July 8, 2019 and its relation to FPA's success for ISO 9001-2015 certification.



July 04-05, 2019

Product stewardship program

Region XII Provincial Officer Cherubin Alonzo gave a lecture on the Safe and Judicious Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides during the Department of Agriculture's Training on Philippine Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) in Mango held last July 4-5, 2019 at the London beach Resort, Bawing, General Santos City.

This is in fulfillment of FPA's mandate to educate the public on the inherent risks derived from the misuse of pesticides.



Product stewardship program

FPA Region III Team and International Veterinary Agrochemicals, Inc. (IVA) conducted a product stewardship program at Provincial Agriculture Office, Iba, Zambales.

This activity is aimed at increasing knowledge and awareness on proper handling and safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides among participants.



July 08, 2019

Product quality and adherence to safety

To ensure that the provisions of PD 1144 are strictly complied with by industries, Region XI Regional Officer Alita Bornea made a surprise inspection at the Abcris Enterprise, a foliar fertilizer manufacturing plant and Top Agro, one of the fertilizer and pesticide warehouses owned by Yarra Corporation.



Review of FPA's Quality Management System (FPA-QMS)

In the course of achieving an ISO 9001: 2015 Certification, members of the FPA Management Committee convened to review FPA's Quality Management System (FPA-QMS) and Operational Procedures. During the July 15th flag ceremony, FPA QMS Secretariat Angelo Bugarin shared with FPA employees the overview of the QMS which included the FPA's profile, organizational structure, scope and coverage, quality policy, management processes, core operations, support processes, control of external providers, reference matrix and improvement plan.



July 09, 2019

Committed to safeguarding the health of the community

To verify a reported complaint on the aerial spraying of pesticides near the Concepcion Elementary School in Compostela Valley Province, Region XI Regional Officer Alita Bornea and Provincial Officer Cheery Agrade met with the Principal of the school to assure her that the company had put measures in place in order that the incident will not happen again. The school is located near a banana plantation.



July 09, 2019

Convening the experts to finalize the fertilizer regulatory policies

Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan together with Acting Deputy Director Antonio Cruz, Jr. and FRD Division Chief Julieta Lansangan led the meeting of the Fertilizer Policy Technical Advisory Committee (FPTAC). Currently, FPTAC is being chaired by Dr. Domingo Angeles. Other members of the committee who were present during the meeting are Dr. Erlinda Paterno, Dr. Gina Pangga. Held at OVCRE Conference Room, University of the Philippines, Los Banos, Laguna, the meeting discussed the finalization of the draft second edition of the Implementing Guidelines on Fertilizer Regulatory Policies (Bluebook).



July 10, 2019

FPA CAR joins Vegetable Industry Week Celebration

With the theme: "Sustaining the vegetable industry for a vibrant economy," FPA CAR Team headed by Regional Officer Reynaldo Segismundo joined the La Trinidad First Highland Vegetable Industry Week. He shared insights on the positive impact of proper and judicious use of pesticides and fertilizer to vegetable growth and productivity.



July 10, 2019

FPA hosts Food Safety Focal Group meeting

FPA Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan welcomed the DA's Food Safety Focal Group composed of representatives from the bureaus and agencies of the Department of Agriculture. Among the agenda of the meeting were the Food Safety Awareness Week and Training of Trainers of Food Safety Officers.



Product stewardship program

A total of 160 vegetable farmers from Ambaguio, Quezon, Capisaan, Kasibu and Ganao, and Dupax del Sur in Nueva Vizcaya attended the training on responsible use of agricultural pesticides. This training was conducted through the collaborative efforts of FPA region II, Aldiz and the Municipal Government of the above-mentioned municipalities thru their Municipal Agriculture Offices (MAO).

The activity aimed to educate the farmers on the proper use of agricultural pesticides and the practice of Pre-Harvest Intervals (PHI) in support of the food safety campaign in the region.



Product quality and adherence to safety

CARAGA Regional Officer Danilo Negre headed an inspection of F/P warehouse in Sumifru Banana Plantation in Tagbina, Surigao del Sur.

The findings were discussed with the company's Environment and Safety Officers.



Product quality and adherence to safety

CARAGA Region Team led by Regional Officer Danilo Negre conducted a clean-up drive operation in Surigao del Sur to determine whether the dealers are complying with PD 1144. Dealers found to be non-compliant were issued with notice of violations (NOV).



Product quality and adherence to safety

Region XI Regional Officer Alita Bornea conducted an unscheduled inspection to the eight warehouses of Universal Harvester and FMC Pesticide Warehouse located in different barangays of Davao City District to know whether or not the products comply with quality as mandated under PD 1144.



July 22, 2019

FPA Region II joins radio program

Representing FPA to promote understanding on the product stewardship program specifically pesticide labelling and compliance with required legal documents, Region II Provincial Officer Leonardo Bangad was once again the guest of DZDA 105.3. He was joined by DA Regional Directors Narciso Edillo and Rose Mary Aquino.



Stakeholders' dialogue and partnership

Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan together with the Region I Regional Officer Andre Martinez held a dialogue with the Association of Fertilizer and Pesticide Distributors Dealers of Pangasinan (AFPDDOP) officers and members at Bergamo Hotel, Lingayen, Pangasinan.



July 24, 2019

Fortifying collaborations and immersions in the field

Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan served as a guest of honor and speaker during the get together activity of Cropping Chemical's, Inc. held at AAC Abatan Buguias, Benguet.

ED Roldan discussed FPA's mandate; which are : assuring the agricultural sector of adequate supplies of fertilizer and pesticide at reasonable prices, rationalizing the manufacture and marketing of fertilizer, protecting the public from the risks inherent in the use of pesticides, and educating the agricultural sector in the use of these inputs.



July 25, 2019

Fortifying collaborations and immersions in the field

With the theme, "Private-Public Cooperation as One Key to National Development", Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan graced the convention of the Philippine Federation of Pest Management Operator's Association, Inc. held at the Jmall Convention Center, A.S Fortuna St., Mandaue City, Cebu.



Product quality and adherence to safety

In order to assure the agricultural sector of quality supply of agricultural inputs, Region XI Field Officers led by Regional Officer Alita Bornea conducted a clean-up Drive in Davao Occidental.

Non-compliant dealers were briefed of their violations and reminded them of the need to comply with PD 1144.



Public information

Region XI Regional Officer Alita Bornea facilitated an ASD training to twenty-three (23) new applicants.

Topics discussed include: Presidential Decree 1144; general fertilizer and pesticide information; handling and storage; transport and distribution; poisoning and first aid.



July 30, 2019

Continuous improvement of knowledge through education and training

Regional Officer of FPA RVII Arnulfo L. Arausa, Jr served as the resource speaker of the Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) Training facilitated by Philippine Association of Professional Fumigators Incorporated (PAPFI) This was held at DECS Ecotech, Sudlon, Cebu City.



Product quality and adherence to safety

Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan visited Pacifica Agrivet Supplies Incorporated's central warehouse located at AS Fortuna St. Mandaue City, Cebu.

Warehouse Manager Alvin Gozon warmly welcomed ED Roldan and accompanied the latter in the routine inspection of Pacifica's products and facilities.



Supporting the endeavors of industry stakeholders

FPA Region XI team participated in the ground breaking activity for a newly opened area for banana plantation in Brgy. Taytayan, Cateel, Davao Oriental.

The said activity was organized by Anflo Banana Corporation (ABC).



