

Notes from Western School IPM PI Conference call on Monday, 24th January, 2011

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1. Discussion of how the re-directed funds from the Strategic Agriculture Initiative (estimated at approx. \$100 to \$140 K per region) would be disbursed by the EPA to support state efforts in school IPM. There seemed to be different strategies amongst the different EPA regions.

2. Discussion of PRIA School IPM grants.

PRIA 2008 to finish in March. At present, there is about \$2-3K left (to go to Carrie Foss to revise the PMSP for turf & landscape)

PRIA 2010. Nationally represents 15 states and 300 school districts. There is an asthma sub-committee working on a short document for parents of asthmatic children which details a supportive environment, plus an inspection checklist that focuses on asthma triggers. A MoU is being drafted for schools agreeing to participate in School IPM coalitions & gather the asthma-related metrics to document changes over time. Discussion of how to gather the metrics; school nurses probably best point of contact. Need to aim for metrics from at least 1 coalition/school district per state.