
Hello School IPMers and interested others,

A May monthly update is as follows:



**CONGRATULATIONS DR. DAWN GOUGE ON
ACHIEVEING TENURE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA!!!**

An announcement was made this week by the University of Arizona informing everyone of Dawn's newly award tenure status. Way to go Dawn!!



PEST PRESSES NATIONWIDE.....

Arizona isn't the only state with a "Pest Press" or some form of a school IPM newsletter. Texas A&M University and University of Florida also both put out publications. Check out Florida's most recent issue on sanitation (**pest press attached**) and also at <http://schoolipm.ifas.ufl.edu/Florida/newsletter.htm>. Arizona's Pest Press will be out later this month... topic: scorpions!



MOSQUITO SEASON GEARING UP...

With our recent rain you may already be seeing increased mosquito populations around the valley. There have been a few mosquito pools that have tested positive for West Nile Virus in Maricopa and Yavapai County already so get the repellent handy (see attached press release). Maricopa county vector control recommends removing vegetation and floating debris from in and around ponds and stagnant swimming pools to limit breeding potential (for more information see <http://www.maricopa.gov/ENVSVC/WATER/VECTOR.ASP>). Also consider adding mosquito-eating fish (*Gambusia*) to pooled and stagnant water sources. The fish are available free of charge from the Vector Control office. Just call at (602) 506-0700 to schedule a pickup time.



IPM CERTIFICATION...NATIONAL NEWS!

The US Army has made it their POLICY to certify their child development centers throughout the country using the STAR Certification. This is the same certification several school districts in Arizona have earned, and which more are working to achieve. This is a national certification standard for quality IPM. The Armed Forces Pest Management Group will issue a press release on this soon. For more information on this certification offered by the IPM Institute of North America, Inc., see <http://www.ipminstitute.org/>.



**ARIZONA CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COALITION....NEXT
MEETING**

We have not forgotten you all! Though site implementation and meetings have slowed, we are working harder than ever behind the scenes on the school IPM topic. We anticipate the next meeting/workshop will be sometime late 2007.

Thanks all!

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