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TO: Press and Others Requesting Notification

FROM: Darryl Little, Director

SUBJECT: Public Hearings and 393rd Plant Board Quarterly Board Meeting

Chairman George E. Tidwell has scheduled two **public hearings and the 393rd State Plant Board quarterly meeting for 1:30 p.m., March 12, 2014**. The meeting will be held at the Arkansas State Plant Board offices, Number 1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR. A copy of the agenda cover is attached. All meetings are open to the public and participation is encouraged.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 501-225-1598.

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Enclosure

AGENDA

Public Hearings and 393rd State Plant Board Meeting

State Plant Board Offices
#1 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205

March 12, 2014
1:30 pm

I. Public Hearing

1. **Public Hearing** to consider adopting changes in the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Handbooks 44 and 130.

The hearing will be to consider amending established regulations for commercial weighing and measuring devices, the sale of commodities (articles of commerce) sold in the state and regulations governing fuels and lubricants sold in the state. For the purpose of making Arkansas Weights and Measures and Fuels and Lubricants regulations uniform with the most recent guidelines published in the NIST Handbooks 44 and 130.

2. **Public Hearing** to consider additions to the regulations on the sale of planting seed in Plant Board Circular 10, "Regulations on the Sale of Planting Seed in Arkansas".

The hearing will be to consider adding instructions on re-labeling the germination test date on expired seed labels. The retailer where the seed is located generally is responsible for re-testing and re-labeling. The method used is often just an over-sticker with the new test date. Currently there are no instructions in our regulations on how this should be accomplished to help ensure the seed is being relabeled correctly. The proposed addition is wording recommended by the Association of American Seed Control Officials' (AASCO) in their "Recommended Uniform State Seed Law".

II. State Plant Board Quarterly Board Meeting

1. **Opening Comments and Introductions.** Mr. Otis Howe, representing the Arkansas Crop Protection Association has been reappointed to serve another 2-year term on the Arkansas State Plant Board.

2. **Action as a Result of Public Hearing** on proposed changes in the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Handbooks 44 and 130.
3. **Action as a Result of Public Hearing** to consider additions to the regulations on the sale of planting seed in Plant Board Circular 10, "Regulations on the Sale of Planting Seed in Arkansas".
4. **Minutes**. Minutes of the December 16, 2013 quarterly Board meeting are ready for approval.
5. **Examination Results**. The Pest Control examinations given December 9, 2013, January 13 and February 10, 2014 area ready for the Board's consideration.
6. **Standing Committee Reports**. Standing Committees may have information or recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Pesticide Committee met February 24, 2014

Boll Weevil Committee met February 24, 2014

7. **Other Business**.
8. **Date for the next Quarterly Board Meeting**. Set date for the next quarterly Board meeting in June 2014.