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Felsot's Update on Activities (August 14 - September 19, 2018)

On August 28th, I presented an EPA OPP sponsored national webinar titled, "IPM Strategies for Pollinator Habitat Promotion." EPA reported that at least 255 "stakeholders" logged in to the webinar. After the webinar, EPA staff compiled a spreadsheet of attendee comments. According to the EPA organizer, Dr. Khue Nguyen (Chemical Review Manager), the "presentation was very informative and well-received." Dr. Nguyen expressed an interest in other opportunities for future webinars. I had previously suggested a followup webinar to more specifically address common questions from the stakeholders. As of this brief report, I only have an mp4 file of the webinar, but I placed a query to the EPA to determine if they are hosting a direct link. If not, I can share the mp4 file through a Dropbox invitation.

On September 5th, I 'attended' via phone a meeting of the National Stakeholder Team for Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP). Much of the meeting was devoted to successes that selected PSEP coordinators at universities have had in supporting their programs financially as well as some products they are producing. Also, the National Stakeholder Team had established a grants program for priority educational resource development. The application deadline was September 4th and the applications received were categorized with determinations of successful proposals made by October 15, 2018. The "Team" hosts a website with resources that are available to PSEP coordinators around the U.S.