

## Regulatory Reform Hearing

Wednesday March 14, 2018

Attention AMCA Members,

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) will hold a hearing entitled, "the Agriculture Creates Real Employment (ACRE) Act", on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM (EST)**. This bill includes "NPDES fix" language that AMCA has been advocating for many years. Section 6(c) of the ACRE Act, the "NPDES fix" calls for a Report to Congress coming from EPA within one year of the bill's passage showing how EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs and Office of Water have jointly examined how well FIFRA serves to protect water quality relative to pesticide use; and then if warranted in light of this assessment, recommend changes to FIFRA to bolster such aspects. If any water quality concerns relative to pesticide use need to be improved in consideration of what FIFRA already effectively does, this could be accomplished with some judicious tweaks to FIFRA, not via CWA/NPDES permitting.

This would significantly reduce regulatory burdens for mosquito control programs and other pesticide applicators currently regulated by duplicative federal laws. AMCA will be sending a [letter of support](#) that includes the names of organizations that gave consent to do so in recent surveys. If you would like your organization's name to be removed from the list, please contact Gary Goodman, [gwgoodman@fightthebite.net](mailto:gwgoodman@fightthebite.net), by noon EST on Tuesday, March 12th.

Thank you!