Maryland Department of Agriculture
Pesticide Regulation Update
Pesticide Regulation Overview

- 4,689 certified applicators
- 3,426 private applicators
- 8,466 registered employees
MDA Update

• Jim Eichhorst named Deputy Secretary after Mary Ellen Setting retired.
MDA Update

• Ed Crow has retired after almost 34 years
Licensing and Certification

Please see the overview of Certification and Licensing Requirements for detailed information:

- Pesticide Applicator Certification and Business Licensing Requirements

Commercial Applicators:

Certification:
- Pest Control Categories
- Forms / Applications
- Study Material Suppliers
- Testing Information
- 2015 Exam Dates
- 2016 Exam Dates
- Approved Initial Certification Courses

Recertification / Renewal:
- Approved Recertification Courses
- Online Recertification Courses
- Renewal Process
- Renewal Website

Private Applicators:
- Forms / Applications
- Optional Training Sessions
- Exam Dates
- Recertification Meetings
- Renewal Process
- Renewal Website

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office at (410) 841-5710 or Ashley Jones at ashley.jones4@maryland.gov

Manuals Supplied by MDA:
- Core: MD Core Manual.pdf
- Cat 7C: Wildlife_Manual.pdf
- Cat 7D: Rodent_Manual.pdf
- Cat 8: Public_Health_Manual.pdf

Related Information
- Order Pesticide Applicator Training Manuals through the Web (Maryland Extension)
- Searchable Pesticide Database
Online Recertification Courses

• Great for:
  – Convenience
  – Last minute credits

• Currently have 309 different courses approved

• Can use online recertification once every three years
Online Renewal System

- Convenient – no paper forms
- Pay by credit card
- Can access/print your license and certificate at any given time

Renew Your Pesticides License Online Today!

- Renew business and employee licenses
- Search for certified pesticide businesses, applicators, licensed dealers
- Print certificates from your computer
- Search and get approval for recertification sessions
- Available 24/7 on any device

www.egov.maryland.gov/mda/pesticides
Online Renewal System

• Need “code” found on post card to log in
• Postcards sent out last month
• If you did not receive it:
  – please call our office at 410-841-5710
  – email ashley.jones4@maryland.gov

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Maryland Legislative Update
SB 198 & HB 211
Neonicotinoid Pesticides – Labeling, Signage, and Restrictions on Sales and Use

Pollinator Protection Act of 2016

– Neonicotinoid Pesticide – Labeling Requirement
  • Must label certain material sold within the State that has been treated with neonicotinoids
  • Cannot sell neonicotinoids unless you also sell restricted-use pesticides
  • Cannot apply neonicotinoids unless you are fully certified, a veterinarian or a farmer.
HB 132

State Government – Pollinator Habitat Plans

• Requiring State agencies that own or manage property or land to consult with the Department of Agriculture to establish pollinator habitat plans.
Enforcement Update
Inspector Regions

- Glenn Krout
- Samarakoon Yapa
- Berhanu Argaw
- Petey Councell
2015 Business Inspection Violations

Total of 586 routine business inspections

- Application Records
  - 115
- Vehicle Identification
  - 45
- Pesticide Storage
  - 38
- Back Flow Prevention
  - 22
- Registering Employees
  - 17
2015 Complaint Investigations by Category

- Wood Destroying Insect Inspections: 5
- Formal Complaints: 36
- Agricultural: 10
- Ornamental & Turf: 10
- Unlicensed: 1
- Structural: 4
- Neighbor vs. Neighbor: 6
- Public Health: 3
- Right of Way: 1
- Antimicrobial: 1

Formal Complaints: 36

Wood Destroying Insect Inspections: 5
2015 Agricultural Investigations

- Other Complaints: 31
- Agricultural: 10

- All Drift Cases:
  - Commercial – Ground: 5
  - Commercial – Aerial: 4
  - Private: 1
Agricultural Investigations Over Time

0 2 4 6 8 10 12

Agricultural Investigations Over Time
Federal Update

NO, SERIOUSLY
TELL ME MORE

YOU'RE SO INTERESTING
Final Worker Protection Standard

Changes

• Annual training for workers and handlers
  – No longer a grace period for training

• Trainers of workers may be:
  – Certified Applicators
  – State/Federal approved trainers
  – Those who have completed an EPA approved course
  – No longer handlers

• New content – training not required for 2 years
Final Worker Protection Standard Changes

• Handlers and early-entry workers must be at least **18 years old**
  – Members of owner’s *immediate family* are exempt

• Employer must provide respirator and fit testing, training, and medical evaluation that conforms to OSHA standards
  – For any handler *required to wear any respirator by the labeling*
Final Worker Protection Standard Changes

• Specific water amounts (for routine washing/exposure):
  – 1 gallon for each worker
  – 3 gallons for each handler and early entry worker

• Always follow label – several changes are addressed on pesticide label

Managed Pollinator Protection Plans (MP³)

• Promote stakeholder involvement
  – Beekeepers
  – Pesticide Applicators
  – Growers
  – So many more...
• Maryland’s plan should be finalized this spring
U.S. Fish and Wildlife

• List monarchs as an endangered species?
  – Public comment period closed in March, 2015
  – IF (not when...) enacted, could lead to pesticide use limitations for most all categories of pest control

http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R3-ES-2014-0056
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