

Virginia Pesticide News for July 2007

Pesticide Regulation Changes in Virginia

For all licensed pesticide businesses:

Several amendments to 2 VAC 20-40, the regulations affecting **licensed pesticide businesses** became effective October 5, 2006. The most significant change **requires that *pesticide businesses* keep records of *all* pesticide applications**. These records require the same data elements previously required by regulation for **restricted use** pesticide applications. See “**Responsibilities of Commercial Pesticide Applicators and Registered Technicians in Virginia**”, 2006, for more details on recordkeeping. Information was sent to all licensed pesticide businesses in October 2006 and with 2007 license renewals.

Proposed for all certified commercial applicators and registered technicians:

Proposed amendments to the Certification Regulation, 2 VAC 20-51, have been repropoed (published for a second time) in the July 9, 2007 **Virginia Register of Regulations, Volume 23, Issue 22**, and are **open for written public comment until September 10, 2007**. Significant changes being proposed include:

- Clarifying that a *certified commercial applicator supervising an applicator training to become a registered technician* **must actually be watching the application of pesticides by the trainee**
- Require that *once a person is hired or transferred into a position involving commercial pesticide use*, **all required training and testing would have to be completed within 90 days of such hiring or transfer**
- **Deleting the option of commercial applicators being able to proctor the Registered Technician exam**
- **Require all commercial applicators and registered technicians to keep records of all pesticides applied.**

For more information, contact: Dr. W. Wayne Surles, Secretary to the VPCB, **Office of Pesticide Services, VDACS, P. O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218**, or visit www.townhall.state.va.us, Board: Pesticide Control Board.

Service Container Labeling Info now on Web

Do you store pesticide concentrates or use dilutions in your own containers for temporary storage or transport? You may need to use service container labels. For more information, see <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticides/servicecontainer.shtml>.

New Manuals and Exams Released

New study manuals for **Demonstration & Research Pest Control, Seed Treatment, Chemigation, Sewer Root Control, and Regulatory Pest Control** were released for sale in November 2006, and new exams for all these categories were in place at DMV January 16, 2007. In 2005-06 new manuals and exams were released for Turf Pest Control, Right of Way, Aerial Application, and both Fumigation categories. Contact OPS at 804/786-3798 for the latest study manual information before you test.