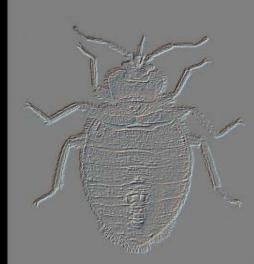
# **Regulatory Overview**





Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Office of Pesticide Services

## **Discussion Points**

- The Office of Pesticide Services
  Who we are...
- Review of the Basics
  - Responsibilities of Applicators
  - Label Directions
  - Pesticide Business License
  - Recordkeeping
  - Certification

#### **Office of Pesticide Services**

 we permit the safe and effective control of pests that attack our crops, structures and health and that of our domestic animals.

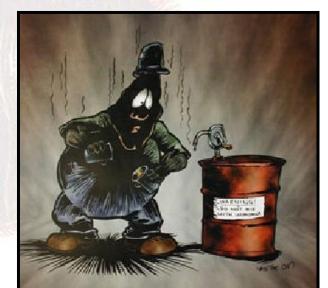
we certify applicators, register
 pesticide products, and issue pesticide
 business licenses,

#### **Office of Pesticide Services**

we work with the Virginia Pesticide **Control Board, Virginia Cooperative** Extension, local governments, and US EPA to name a few to provide quality services to our clientele such as education and outreach, pesticide disposal, plastic pesticide container recycling programs, etc...

# **Responsibilities of Applicators**

- Use a Registered Product!
- Label Directions
  - Sites,
  - Rates,
  - Personnel protective equipment (PPE), etc...
- Pesticide Business License
- Recordkeeping
- Certification



#### Read The Label While You Are Able!

# **Label Directions**

- The Virginia definition of "use" includes all of the routine activities that are apart of a normal pesticide application:
  - Application,
  - Mixing,
  - Loading,
  - Clean-up, and
  - Disposal of excess mix, product, or containers.
  - Handling, transfer, or transport after the manufacture's original seal is broken IS considered to be a pesticide use.

# Label Directions

A 38-year-old woman found a home remedy for head lice on the Web. She then applied eight ounces of dog fleaand-tick shampoo and olive oil to her scalp, and wrapped her head in cellophane for five hours. Her scalp began to itch and burn. She felt shaky and also experienced nausea and drooling.

# **Label Directions**

- It is not just the internet and home remedies.
- Pest control firm was using outdoor products (malathion, carbaryl, etc...) inside ~ 70 apartments and homes.
  - Now are they are required to clean all treated sites to remove residues and dispose of all contaminated mattresses and toys.
  - Fines and penalties are pending.

#### **Pesticide Business License**

A Pesticide Business License is required for any person or business operating in Virginia, which, in exchange for compensation, sells, stores, distributes, mixes, applies, or recommends for use, pesticides. This license is separate from and in

addition to any other commercial business license.

#### **Pesticide Business License**

- All licensed pesticide businesses in Virginia are required to:
  - Maintain for a period of two years written records of (a) any pesticide applied commercially and (b) any restricted use pesticide sold.
  - Maintain the required insurance coverage.
  - Employ a certified applicator who (a) is responsible for the safe application of the pesticide or (b) provides recommendations or the use of pesticides.

### **Application Records**

- Records will need to include:
  - Name, address, telephone number of customer.
  - Address of application site, if different.
  - Name and certification of the applicator.
  - Date
  - Site treated and pest to be controlled.
  - Size of the area.
  - Product name and EPA Reg. No.
  - Amount of concentrate and diluent used.
  - Type of equipment used.

## Certification

- Commercial Applicator
  - A commercial applicator uses "…any pesticide for any purpose…" on the job (other than agricultural production / private property).
- Registered Technician
  - Can apply general-use pesticides with NO supervision and RESTRICTED-use pesticides with DIRECT supervision.

## Certification

- Private Property
  - Certification is not required for General Use Pesticides
  - However:
    - Label is still the Law
    - Violations can still result in enforcement actions.
- If you don't understand, seek assistance!

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