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To: Licensed Pesticide Businesses and Certified Applicators

Re: Pesticide Certification Regulation Changes in Virginia

The following significant amendments to 2VAC 5-685. Regulations Governing Pesticide Applicator Certification will be effective on September 22, 2016.

- Added 'commercial' to definitions of "Under the direct supervision" and "Under the direct on-site supervision" to clarify non-certified individuals and registered technicians must be supervised by certified commercial applicators.
- Removed the 10 day waiting period after the first attempt and 30 day waiting period for second or subsequent attempts when examinations are not passed.
- Individuals who fail to take and pass the registered technician exam within 90 days of the initial examination, cannot apply pesticides commercially, even under direct on-site supervision, until they pass the examination.
- Individuals who have previously submitted a registered technician application form and did not take or pass the examination within 90 days after being hired or transferred into the position, cannot apply pesticides commercially even under the direct on-site supervision until they reapply and pass the examination.
- Applicants who do not complete the certification process within two years of the date of passing the examination must be reexamined.
- Indicate the category numbers for Registered Technicians (60) and private applicators (90,91,86,& 87)
- Added the recertification course requirements for certified commercial applicators and registered technicians.

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NOTE: POLICY CHANGE - Discontinue second testing opportunity at no fee (free retake on examinations failed or not taken). The law requires a new application and fee for each testing session.

NOTE: PROCEDURAL CHANGE – Starting September 2017 the Office of Pesticide Services will only mail Certification Retraining Status Reports to applicators whose certificates expire on December 31 (private) of that year or June 30 (commercial, registered technicians and government) of the following year and who need to attend a recertification course by December 31 (private) or June 30 (commercial, registered technicians and government). You can check your status anytime on our website at <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification.shtml>. This information is updated weekly.

Detailed information on these changes and other changes is available on the **Virginia Regulatory Town Hall**, <http://townhall.virginia.gov>, Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Effective date for these amendments is September 22, 2016. The revised regulations will be available on the Office of Pesticide Services website, <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticide-virginia-pesticide-laws-and-regulations.shtml>.

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