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NPDES EXTENSION GRANTED BY COURT

Applicators involved in the agricultural, mosquito and other industries are closely watching the process of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting requirement. A court has ordered that the permits are required for pesticide applications to water, even when aquatic applications are allowed on the FIFRA-registered label.

In the most recent step, the court has granted EPA an extension to allow more time to implement the NPDES permit requirement. The implementation deadline was extended from April 9, 2011 to October 31, 2011.

Meanwhile, a bipartisan bill, HR 872 (Reducing Regulator Burdens Act of 2011), was passed in the House of Representatives on March 31. The legislation would eliminate the requirements of a NPDES permit for the use of a FIFRA-registered pesticide product by amending FIFRA and the Clean Water Act to clarify congressional intent. The legislation now moves to the Senate.

(Source: Pesticide & Toxic Chemical News, March 29, 2011, Western Farm Press, April 5, 2011)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED REGARDING SPANISH-LANGUAGE LABELS

EPA has opened a public comment period to require pesticide manufacturers to produce bilingual labeling for some, or possibly all, pesticide products. The original petition was

submitted to EPA by external groups to require bilingual labeling for all agriculture products.

EPA is considering moving beyond just agricultural labels and requires bilingual labeling in English and Spanish for possibly:

- All pesticide products,
- Only certain types of pesticides,
- Certain pesticide use sites,
- Certain pesticide active ingredients,
- Pesticides in certain toxicity categories, or
- Certain parts of pesticide labels

The public comment period will be open until June 28, 2011. After the comment period, the agency will use the comments received in developing a decision on this petition. The Federal Register notice and petition are available in docket number EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0014 at [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). More information is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/labels/bilingual-pesticide-labels.html>.

(Source: EPA Office of Pesticide Programs)

PESTICIDE LABELS AVAILABLE AT NPIRS

The National Pesticide Information Retrieval System (NPIRS) is available to Ohio applicators looking for pesticide information. This system has been available for several years as a database that can be searched by active ingredient, site of application, pest to be controlled, product name, company name and EPA registration number.

Purdue University coordinates the site and is looking to expand to include labels, called ALSTAR (Accepted Labels State Tracking and Repository). The current database contains the product information, but not a label. To access the database, go the Pesticide Safety Education Program website at: <http://pested.osu.edu/general.html> and click on "National Pesticide Information Retrieval System."

WARNING ISSUED BY EPA REGARDING FAST ANT BAIT

EPA has sent warning to more than 2,800 customers across the U.S. who purchased an ant-control product from the online website fastpestcontrol.com. The product, Fast Ant Bait, contains mirex, which was cancelled here in the U.S. in 1978. The website also sells another illegal product called Antimos mosquito repellent.

The ant bait was produced and mailed from China and offered through various other websites who have since removed the product from their offerings. These companies have provided EPA with sales information so the customers could be contacted directly about the dangers posed by the pesticide and proper disposal methods.

For more information, visit the EPA website at:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/eeffe922a687433c85257359003f5340/0119cd08ceaa00968525785a00523da2!OpenDocument>, or call Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Information Center at 1-888-422-8737 or the National Pesticide Information Center at 1-800-858-7378.

(Source: EPA Office of Pesticide Programs)

DATES SET FOR 2012 COMMERCIAL RECERTIFICATION CONFERENCES

The dates have been set for the Ohio Pesticide Commercial Applicator 2012

Recertification Conferences. The conferences will be:

January 31, 2012 – Kalahari Conference Center, Sandusky

February 8, 2012 – John S. Knight Center, Akron

February 15, 2012 – Dayton Convention Center

March 8, 2012 – Columbus Convention Center

More information is available on the Pesticide Safety Education Program website at

<http://pested.osu.edu>

CHRISTMAS TREE IPM MANUAL DEVELOPED

An IPM manual focusing on Christmas trees has been developed by the Pennsylvania IPM Program. More information about the 208-page manual is available at:

<http://extension.psu.edu/ipm/program/christmas-tree>

PESTICIDE CROP WATCH

FUNGICIDES

A 24(c) local needs label has been posted for Indar 2F for the control of blossom blight and fruit brown rot in cherries peaches and nectarines. This 24 (c) label is only for distribution and use in the State of Ohio. If a grower is using Indar 2F for the above uses, they must have possession of this label at the time of application.

The label is posted at the Pesticide Safety Education Program website at:

<http://pested.osu.edu/24C.htm> and is listed as SLN OH 11001.

FUMIGANTS

Iodomethane – EPA is opening a comment period about the petition requesting that all registrations of iodomethane (also called methyl iodide) be suspended and cancelled. The soil fumigant is used on fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants and turf and is often used as a replacement for methyl bromide which is being phased out. The petition was filed by external groups and EPA has opened a comment period for the petition. Comments must be received by April 30, 2011. More information is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/iodomethane/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

More information about these events at: <http://pested.osu.edu>.

2011 PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING (NEW APPLICATORS)

All classes taught at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg

Categories covered: Core (commercial & private), Commercial 8, 5, 6c, 2c

April 20, 2011

May 18, 2011

August 24, 2011

September 28, 2011

WOOD-DESTROYING INSECT INSPECTION TRAINING

All classes taught at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg

Mandatory training for Commercial Category 12

September 14, 2011

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