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EPA RELEASES RODENTICIDE RISK MITIGATION

EPA has released the measures to reduce risks associated with ten rodenticides. The safety measures are to protect children, pets and wildlife from accidental exposures. To reduce risk to children, all bait products sold to consumers must be sold only in bait stations. No loose bait form such as pellets may be sold to consumers.

Rodenticides intended for agricultural use must be labeled for use only on and around agricultural buildings and contain more than eight pounds of bait. The products can only be distributed to or sold in agricultural, farm and tractor stores. These will not be restricted use products. Products that contain brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum and difethialone can not be sold in retail outlets such as grocery stores, hardwares, home improvement stores, convenience stores, drug stores, big box stores, club stores or other general retailers.

Products containing rodenticide for professional applicators must be sold in packages of at least 16 pounds of bait. Second-generation anticoagulants are required to be in bait stations for outdoor, above-ground placements. Bait stations are required indoors if there is possible exposures to children, pets or non-target animals.

Distribution to and sales in “consumer” stores such as grocery stores, drug stores, hardware and club stores will be prohibited.

More information about the rodenticide final risk mitigation is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/rodenticides/finalriskdecision.htm>

(Source: U.S. EPA Office of Pesticide Programs)

ANALYSIS COMPLETED ON RECALLED SCOTTS’ PRODUCTS

In April, EPA issued a stop order to Scott’s Miracle Gro to stop sales of products that were unregistered, falsely and misleadingly labeled or both.

EPA, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, analyzed both of the unregistered Scotts’ products for their individual components and potential contaminants. The analyses were conducted according to established federal and state procedures using published analytical enforcement methods for pesticide products. The analyses showed the contents of both of the unregistered pesticides are typical of other consumer weed and feed products.

More details about these results, as well as the recall of certain Scotts’ products are available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/ptb/news/>

(Source: U.S. EPA Office of Pesticide Programs)

FARM BILL WITHOUT PESTICIDE DISCRIMINATION PROVISION

The farm bill passed by the House and Senate in mid-May did not contain a provision regarding pesticide use in conservation plans. The provision would have prohibited USDA from discriminating against the use of registered pesticides when considering conservation plans. Environmental groups were instrumental in keeping the provision out of the farm bill.

However, the farm bill did contain the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act's (FIFRA) definition of integrated pest management that specifies that pesticides are a component of IPM. (Source: Pesticide & Toxic Chemical News, Vol. 36, No. 29)

BED BUG LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

Legislation has been introduced in Ohio by Representative Tyrone K. Yates to treat bedbug infestations to the same extent as other vermin infestation. House Bill 565 was introduced in late May. More information on the Ohio bill is at:

http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText127/127_HB_565_I_Y.html

The "Don't Let the Bed bugs Bite Act of 2008" was introduced in Congress by Representative G.K. Butterfield. The central part of the bill is to establish a grant program for inspecting hotel rooms for bedbugs. The grants would be awarded to states who currently inspect at least 20 percent of rooms in the state. More information on the U.S. Congressional bill is at:

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h110-6068>

MOSQUITO VECTOR CONTROL WORKSHOPS

Do you know any pesticide applicators who will be doing mosquito spraying this year? Encourage them to attend the Vector Control Workshops, coordinated by Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Department of Health. These workshops will be held around the state in June and the dates and locations are listed below. Applicators will be able to bring in their mosquito ULV spraying equipment for droplet testing. The sprayers must be in working condition and calibrated prior to the workshop. Droplets can be taken only using pesticide as the spray, so have some pesticide in the tank.

At selected locations, an educational program and license exam testing will be available. The program includes a morning of new applicator training for the mosquito category on a pesticide applicator license. Applicators will be able to take their licensing exam the same morning. The afternoon educational session will feature an update on mosquito and vector control. Pesticide recertification credits for the mosquito and vector category 10d (1

hour) and core (1/2 hour) will be available in the afternoon session. The dates and locations of the workshops are:

June 17 – Whitehall Community Park, 402 Hamilton Rd., Whitehall (Columbus area)

Educational session, ODA license exam and ULV droplet testing ALL available.

June 18 - Whitehall Community Park, 402 Hamilton Rd., Whitehall (Columbus area)

ULV droplet testing only - NO education session or ODA license exam testing will be available

June 19 – Lake County Health Department, 550 Black Brook Rd., Painesville, Educational session, ODA license exam and ULV droplet testing ALL available.

June 20 – Toledo Area Sanitary District, 5015 Stickney Ave., Toledo, ULV droplet testing only - NO education session or ODA license exam testing will be available

Registration is \$10/person for the educational session. ULV droplet testing is free. The workshops are made possible through a grant from the Ohio Department of Health. Registration forms and more information are available on the Pesticide Education Program website at <http://pested.osu.edu> or by calling (614) 292-4070.

PESTICIDE CROP WATCH

Tree Guard deer repellent (denatonium benzoate) – EPA has accepted the voluntary request of the manufacturer to Tree Guard with active ingredient denatonium benzoate to be cancelled. The cancellation will be effective December 1, 2009. More information is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/adbac/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

TRAINED SERVICEPERSON AND NEW APPLICATOR SCHOOLS

Recertification credit also available in core, 8, 6c and 5.

August 27, 2008

September 24, 2008

Taught at Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg

EXTENSION EDUCATOR INSERVICE

December 3-4, 2008

Ohio 4-H Center, OSU Campus, Columbus

COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION CONFERENCES

General Conferences

January 21, 2009 – Dayton Convention Center

February 10, 2009 – Sandusky, Kalahari Conference Center

February 25, 2009 – Columbus Convention Center

March 11, 2009 – Akron, John S. Knight Center

Field Crop Conferences

December 17, 2008 – Lima, Reed Hall, Ohio State University, Lima Campus

February 25, 2009 – Columbus Convention Center

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