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DATES SET FOR EDUCATOR INSERVICE

The dates have been set for the Pesticide Applicator Training Educator Inservice. The inservice will be December 3 and 4, 2008, and held at the Ohio 4-H Center on OSU Campus in Columbus. Registration information is available on the Pesticide Education Program website at: <http://pested.osu.edu/educatorinservice.htm>

This inservice is for Extension educators, specialists, associates or program assistants involved with pesticide applicator training. The agenda will include special core segments on Wednesday, December 3 with agronomic crops and discussion on possible regulation changes. Thursday, December 4, will focus on forages, livestock non-cropland and horticulture topics.

Again, this year there will be an ANR Issues Meeting and Dinner on Wednesday evening, 5:30 - 8:00. The evening meeting is coordinated by Don Breece, Assistant Director, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

COMMERCIAL RECERTIFICATION CONFERENCES

The Ohio Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Conferences have been scheduled. The dates and locations are:
General Conferences

January 21, 2009 – Dayton Convention Center
February 10, 2009 – Sandusky –Nia Conference Center, Kalahari Resort (new location)
February 25, 2009 – Columbus Convention Center
March 11, 2009 – Akron, John S. Knight Center (later date)

Field Crop Conferences

December 17, 2008 – Ohio State University, Lima Campus
February 25, 2009 – Columbus Convention Center (in conjunction with general conference)

The Pesticide Education Program needs help with registration at the conferences. OSU Extension personnel that help will be able to attend the conferences free of charge and receive commercial pesticide credit for the talks they attend. Please contact Cindy Folck at folck.2@osu.edu if you are an OSU Extension employee interested in helping.

WPS VIOLATIONS BY PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

EPA has cited the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture (PRDA) for violations of the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The PRDA applies pesticides at various farms in Puerto Rico. The penalty to PRDA is over \$260,000.

The illegal practices cited were failing to mix pesticides properly with the soil, using pesticides inappropriately, putting workers and pesticide handlers in potential danger and applying pesticides on crops for which they were not approved for use. More information is available

at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/61570EF2078DFEA4852574DC005FE1B8>

“99 CENTS ONLY” STORES FACE FIFRA FINES

“99 Cents Only” stores based in California are facing fines of almost \$1 million for violations of the Federal Insecticides, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The stores sold products that were not registered or properly labeled.

One of the products was a surface cleaner imported from Mexico that claimed to disinfect and sanitize, but was not registered as a pesticide. A produce wash product also claimed to inhibit mold, fungus and bacteria, including E coli, but also was not registered as a pesticide. The third product was an insecticide that had labels affixed either inside out or upside down which made them hard to read.

Under FIFRA, products that make claims such as these must be registered with EPA as a pesticide. Pesticide products must also be adequately labeled to ensure proper and safe use. More information is available

at:<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/eeffe922a687433c85257359003f5340/f5d3584c9bb27ed2852574d400766f24!OpenDocument>

(Source: EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, October 2, 2008)

EPA DROPS CAUSE MARKETING AND THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS

Last October, EPA released a draft notice for public comments on how the agency was to evaluate proposed statements and graphic material on pesticide labeling regarding third-party endorsements or a relationship between the pesticide registrant and a charity – also called cause marketing claims. The comments from the draft notice caused EPA to reevaluate this idea.

An example of this labeling is the relationship between The Clorox Company and the American Red Cross. The proposal was to include the Red Cross symbol on an antimicrobial bleach product, part of the philanthropic relationship Clorox has with the American Red Cross. The notice detailed how EPA was to evaluate these types of requests from other manufacturers.

EPA has concluded from the comments that this change in labeling would not contribute meaningfully to improving protection of human health and the environment. The additional labeling would not better inform the user how to use the product safely and effectively and the addition of such statements could possibly interfere with that goal. EPA has decided to look at each proposal on a case-by-case basis. More information is available

at: http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/cb/csb_page/updates/2008/cause-marketing.htm

(Source: EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, September 30, 2008)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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December 3-4, 2008

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TRAINED SERVICEPERSON AND NEW APPLICATOR COMMERCIAL SCHOOLS

February 4, 2009

March 25, 2009

April 28, 2009

May 20, 2009

August 26, 2009

September 30, 2009

Taught at Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg

WOOD-DESTROYING INSECT INSPECTION

Recertification credit also available in Core, 10b and 12.

April 1, 2009

September 16, 2009

Taught at Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg

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