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**MAINE BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL  
POLICY ON DETERMING ALLOWABLE PESTICIDE  
APPLICATIONS PURSUANT TO CMR 01-026, CHAPTER 29,  
SECTION 6**

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**BACKGROUND**

The Board amended Chapter 29 in May of 2008, adding new Sections 5 and 6. Section 6 prohibits “broadcast” application of pesticides within 25 feet of certain defined surface waters, but does not prohibit pesticide applications that are not considered broadcast applications. The staff has asked for clarification on what types of applications are allowed in the 25-foot-buffer area.

**POLICY**

The Board determined that the following characteristics indicate that an application is not a broadcast pesticide application, and therefore not prohibited by Chapter 29, Section 6. Pesticide applications must be:

1. Directed away from surface water;
2. Directed at specific pest organisms or infestations in a manner that minimizes deposition to non-target species and areas;
3. Conducted using non-powered application equipment capable of targeting pest organisms while avoiding non-target species;
4. Confined to no more than 20% of the area located within 25 feet of surface water; and
5. Does not cover any one contiguous area greater than 100 square feet.