



Maine Board of Pesticides Control  
28 State House Station  
90 Blossom Lane  
AMHI Campus Deering Building Room 333  
Augusta, ME 04333-0028  
Attn: Henry Jennings

Dear Henry Jennings,

As per our discussion on October 25, 2013 relating to specifically Chapter 22, Section 2 C, regarding identification of sensitive areas, my understanding is this section was last visited in 1987 when posting requirements were written into the regulations. I believe this needs to be reviewed as soon as possible, as applications such as mosquito treatments, flea and tick applications, driveway and walkway vegetation controls, and other miscellaneous applications should not have to identify sensitive areas within 500 feet of the application. I believe they should be treated as applications in categories 3 B (turf), 3 A (ornamental tree and plant), and 7 A. Drift is not the issue as it is in aerial and agricultural applications. Proper identification, prior inspection of the site, and posting of the area is, in my opinion, far more important.

This change would increase public safety and reduce unnecessary record keeping requirements for applicators. I don't believe the intent of the regulations in today's world was to identify all sensitive areas within 500 feet of the Round-up spray to a 20 foot brick walk in the fenced in back yard of a residence. Prior inspection and posting accomplishes much better means of public safety.

I am requesting that this issue be reviewed with staff and included at your next discussion with the Board of Pesticides Control about rule making. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Legasse  
Green Thumb Lawn Service  
MJL/at