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December 22, 2016

Mr. Henry Jennings
Director:
Maine Board of Pesticide Control

Darin Hammond
Senior Manager of Farm Operations
Jasper Wyman and Son

RE: Recent Consent Agreement

At the BPC meeting on December 16, 2016 I addressed the Board about the consent agreement for Jasper Wyman and Son concerning Cole G Bridges LLC. We would like to point out a few facts that we feel should be addressed by the Board. The complaint was received on February 4, 2016. This complaint was lodged **20 months** after the alleged violation. Ray Connors testified at the meeting that Cole G Bridges LLC had prepared the land, and showed the inspector the pesticide records to prove that he had done field work in 2013. Mr. Connors also testified that Mr. Bridges was relying on this land for income. It is ironic that after the land was prepared in May of 2014, the alleged violation date, that the land was not harvested in 2015. Complaints such as these that are so old, tie the hands of the Inspector when the evidence of an application is degraded over time. Although this is a specific instance, I feel that accepting complaints that are this old opens up a can of worms for commercial applicators. If someone has an axe to grind, or doesn't want to pay their bill etc. all they have to do is file a complaint. The Staff needs some guidance on this issue. How old a complaint will the Staff accept? We know they will accept a 20-month-old complaint will they accept a five-year-old complaint, ten, twenty, thirty?

We feel that the Board should consider instituting a **Statute of Limitations** on complaints of 12 months, or at least start the conversation of how to address this problem. We feel that this would be reasonable to protect both applicators, and the public.

Sincerely,

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