

# **Rulemaking Statement of Impact on Small Business**

## **5 MRSA §8052, sub-§5-A**

### **Agency**

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry—Maine Board of Pesticides Control

### **Chapter Number and Title of Rule**

CMR 01-026, Chapter 27—Standards for Pesticide Application and Public Notification in Schools

### **Identification of the Types and an Estimate of the Number of the Small Businesses Subject to the Proposed Rule**

Approximately 25 small businesses commonly provide pest management/grounds management services to schools in Maine.

### **Projected Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Required for Compliance with the Proposed Rule, including the Type of Professional Skills Necessary for Preparation of the Report or Record**

The Board estimates that small businesses that have monthly service contracts (structures) will require an additional 10 minutes per visit to make entries in the log book, or about two hours per year for an annual administrative cost of approximately \$100 per school. Small businesses generally would service no more than 15 schools. Consequently, the maximum additional administrative cost could amount to \$1,500/year for a small business.

Grounds maintenance contractors conducting pesticide applications and monitoring services generally do not make as many visits to a school as structural pest managers. The Board estimates that the additional record keeping requirements may require up to two additional hours per year to complete for annual administrative cost of approximately \$100. Small businesses generally would service no more than 15 schools. Consequently, the maximum additional administrative cost could amount to \$1,500/year for a small business.

It should be noted that - for practical reasons - most companies that have been providing pest management/grounds maintenance services to schools have already been providing assistance with the administrative/record keeping requirements, thereby already spending more effort than the current amendments will require.

### **Brief Statement of the Probable Impact on Affected Small Businesses**

A few small businesses will incur minor additional administrative costs as a result of this amendment. However, most of the affected businesses have already been assisting schools with the record keeping requirements for practical reasons.

### **Description of Any Less Intrusive or Less Costly, Reasonable Alternative Methods of Achieving the Purposes of the Proposed Rule**

The Board sought to minimize administrative burdens associated with the amendments and was unable to identify any less intrusive or less costly alternatives.