MAINE BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL

POLICY CONCERNING CMR 01-026 CHAPTER 26,

BOARD DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEALTH PESTS

Adopted November 17, 2006

During the many hearings and public information gathering sessions held regarding Chapter 26, Standards for Indoor Pesticide Applications and Notification for All Occupied Buildings Except K-12 Schools concerns were expressed about how the provision that requires applicators to identify a pest specifically and to evaluate the infestation severity prior to any treatments might cause a delay in controlling public health pests. The Board listened to those concerns and included an exception to this clause when pesticides with a very low potential for human exposure are used to control specific public health pests designated by Board policy.

This policy establishes the list of Board designated public health pests.

For the purposes of CMR 01-026 Chapter 26, Section 4(C)(2) the following pests shall be designated public health pest(s):

Bedbugs