
From: Meserve, Eugene P

Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 1:24 PM

To: Murray, Kathy

Subject: RE: Pesticide Board Seeks Public Input on Pesticide Policy, Board Activities, and Rulemaking Initiatives

Kathy,

I see that there is mention of making accommodation for Agri. & Horticultural programs, but I would like to see golf programs and any other program that uses private facilities on a limited bases from needing to conform to any Chapter 27 requirements. I simply believe the general pesticide regulations offer adequate protection in these situations.

Gene

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From: Andrew <meseasonalpest@aol.com>

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Sent: Wed, Jun 13, 2012 12:07 am

Subject: Re: Pesticide Board Seeks Public Input on Potential Rulemaking Initiatives

Mr Fish:

Andy Ferguson from Maine Seasonal Pest Control here.

I hope you were able to calm your mother-in-laws concerns we spoke about last month.

I have received periodic communications with regard to Board Of Pesticide rule changes in the past and until now, I have never responded with input.

As I will not be able to attend either forums I felt compelled to put my two cents in:

Item #1)

I am not an attorney.

Item #2)

There is NO such thing as "low risk pesticides" just as there is no such thing as "low risk nuclear bombs". Pest Control is very serious business and should not be taken lightly, There is much to know, probably more than we will ever know.

You will be doing the landlord, the general public, the environment, the State of Maine and local business a great injustice.

It is simple--- get a license and hold one like I have to.

People, assets and our environment are at risk with such nonsense in trying to getting around the system. It is unconscionable to think the Board would even consider ever allowing such a proposal to pass uncontested.

All or none must comply with the law. I am not exempt so why should any entity or other individual be?

I worked very hard to acquire the schooling, knowledge and extensive licensing required by law to practice my trade. Just because the Board ok's such an amendment doesn't mean its ok for unlicensed and untrained people to go willy nilly with general use pesticides as they are often times and in most cases, more dangerous due to inherent high dose products. Much more scrutiny should be given to big box store general use pesticide sales and your right and duty to control these chemicals being introduced in the name of profit.

Thank you for giving much thought to these points of interest and for goodness sake, let local Maine business grow.

In my opinion (whatever it is worth), I would demand mandates for mandatory pest control services, IPM programs and inspections for ALL food handling/processing facilities, multi-family dwellings, industry, schools and Government buildings.

Public safety should be everyones primary concern and NOT trying to save the landlords and others money by taking care of it themselves. All will be sued in the end and it won't be pretty.

Furthermore, Landlords or anybody else for that matter have no business applying anything around tenants, common areas

or outside unless they are fully licensed in the state of Maine to do so PERIOD.

Item #3)

I have no idea what this is. Should I? Too gray for the masses.

Item #4)

See response to Item #2
License please?

Item #5

Public Safety first, especially for those that can't help themselves..
Make these people get a license to do so safely.
Its a giant can of worms your thinking about opening.

Regarding Chapter #10 #21, #27, and #50: revision:

NO exemptions, License please? Its the Law.
Tread lightly with radical changes with disregard.

Thank you Mr Fish for your valuable time and considerations I hope it helps.

Respectfully,

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Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 6:04 PM
To: Fish, Gary
Subject: Re: Pesticide Board Seeks Public Input on Potential Rulemaking Initiatives

Gary,

If the gathering has anything to do with people crying about how hard the studies and the testing for the pesticide applicator exam. I say tough cookies, and leave all the way it is. But maybe concentrate more on the core areas for what their profession is.

As far as the copper door handles go, copper is a soft malleable metal that oxidizes and is porous and therefore would collect more microbials and such than a chrome plated or stainless door knob.

At the same note, the physical properties of copper may act as a repellent to some microbials, but not all. It's just the same with any other form of raw materials used in the building industry in which make up door handles.

I think it would be a waste of money knowing the price of copper today along with the up keep. :(

-----Original Message-----

From: Fish, Gary <Gary.Fish@maine.gov>
To: bullemaniii <bullemaniii@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Jun 13, 2012 7:09 am
Subject: RE: Pesticide Board Seeks Public Input on Potential Rulemaking Initiatives

Hi Chris,

Glad you are working. I don't really think there is much there for you to comment on at this point. Not sure what you might think of the copper door handles that supposedly reduce the persistence of germs on the handles.

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"Down the long lane of the history yet to be written America knows that this world of ours, ever growing smaller, must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect." – Dwight D. Eisenhower

From: bullemaniii@aol.com [<mailto:bullemaniii@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 8:55 PM
To: Fish, Gary
Subject: Re: Pesticide Board Seeks Public Input on Potential Rulemaking Initiatives

Gary,

I seriously would love to attend this gathering but I will be working while I have work. Could you please brief me with required information and questions so I can contribute ideas on this subject?

It would be much appreciated.

Thanks, Chris B.

P.S. I am now a member if the MIAQA and have acquired some credits at the last conference. The conference was awesome by the way minus the fact that I feel the high dollar remediation contractors have lost touch with reality. Mainly due to the fact that they are " high dollar so called experts."

If any types of conferences come up where I can acquire more credits and knowledge please keep me posted.