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TO: Commercial Applicators Licensed in Maine Based on Another States' Certification Exams

FROM: *GF*
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SUBJECT: BPC Decision to No Longer Recognize Another States' Certification Exams

On June 12, 1992, members of the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) voted (effective immediately) to no longer recognize other states' certification standards for issuing Maine pesticide applicator licenses. This change in policy reflects the Board's view that Maine's environment and pesticide laws are unique. Therefore, all pesticide users, who must be licensed, shall be required to meet Maine's pesticide applicator certification standards by passing all the necessary exams in Maine.

The Board decided to honor licenses issued previous to June 12, until the end of the calendar year. Those wishing to renew their licenses in 1993 will have to successfully complete all the necessary exams prior to renewal.

To be certified and eligible for licensing in Maine in 1993, you must pass the core exam and all the category exams covering the types of applications you plan to do. If master level candidates have not already taken the master regulation exam and oral exam they must also complete both. Study materials are available for the specific Maine core and category exams from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pest Management, Office at 491 College Ave., Orono, ME 04473, (tel. 207-581-3880) for a small fee. The master regulation exam study guide is mailed from the BPC office after receiving an application for exams. There are no study materials for the master oral exam.

Commercial applicator exams may only be scheduled through the BPC by submitting an application for exams (one enclosed, please copy as needed). Because there are many out-of-state licensees who will need to take exams, I urge you to not delay in obtaining the study materials or sending in your application for exams.

If you have any questions, please call me at 207-287-2731.

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