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Title 3. Agriculture and Forestry

PART VIII. SCHOOL PESTICIDE SAFETY

§3381. Policy; purpose

The legislature finds that the exposure of school children to pesticides poses known and, as of yet, unknown risks to their health and well-being. Providing controls on the application of these pesticides will help to ensure the safety and well-being of children in the state.

Acts 1993, No. 729, §1.

§3382. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

- (1) "Pest" means any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other microorganism in living humans or other living animals, which the commissioner declares to be a pest, other than mosquitos.
- (2) "Pesticide" means any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest and any substance or combination of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, desiccant, or any substance the commissioner of agriculture and forestry or his duly authorized representative acting at his direction determines to be a pesticide.
- (3) "School" means any public or private day or residential school that provides elementary or secondary education.
- (4) "Least toxic method" means an integral part of an integrated pest management plan and is a combination of common sense practices that use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interactions with the environment, in combination with available pest control methods used to manage pest damage by the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

Acts 1993, No. 729, §1; Acts 1995, No. 237, §1.

§3383. Record of pesticides used to control pests

A. Each school shall keep a written record of restricted use pesticides used to control pests. After the application of a restricted use pesticide, an entry shall be made in the record which lists:

- (1) The name of the pesticide applied.
- (2) The quantity of pesticide applied.
- (3) The pest which the pesticide is intended to control.
- (4) The date, time, and location on the school grounds where the pesticide was applied.
- (5) The name of the person or persons who applied the pesticide.

B. The records required by Subsection A of this Section shall be kept in the business office of each school and made available for public inspection by any person during regular school hours.

Acts 1993, No. 729, §1.

§3384. Requirement that eight hours precede the exposure of children to restricted use pesticides

A restricted use pesticide shall be applied to a school building or on school grounds only during periods in which students are not expected to be present for normal academic instruction or organized extracurricular activity for at least eight hours after the application.

Acts 1993, No. 729, §1.

§3385. Least toxic method of pest control encouraged

Schools are encouraged to use the least toxic method of pest control. The least toxic method of pest control may include pest control methods other than the application of pesticides.

Acts 1993, No. 729, §1.

§3386. Application of pesticides by certified commercial applicator

A. No person shall apply or supervise the application of any herbicide, rodenticide, insecticide, or restricted use pesticide, on a non-fee basis for grass and weed control, and rodent and general pest control in, on, or around structures or grounds of schools that provide education to kindergarten through twelfth grade classes, unless that person is a certified commercial applicator or is under the supervision of a certified commercial applicator as provided in R.S. 3:3242 and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

Such certified commercial applicator shall be trained in integrated pest management that includes but is not limited to pest prevention, least toxic methods of pest control, and applying pesticides judiciously. Training material shall include but not be limited to the guidelines in the EPA publication "Pest Control in the School Environment: Adopting Integrated Pest Management".

B. Pesticide applications for wood destroying insects shall be applied by a structural pest control operator licensed under the provisions of R.S. 3:3368.

Acts 1995, No. 237, §1.

§3387. Employment of certified commercial applicators by school systems

A. School systems having ten or more schools shall employ at least two certified commercial applicators.

B. School systems having less than ten schools shall employ at least one certified commercial applicator.

Acts 1995, No. 237, §1.

§3388. Annual integrated pest management plan

A. The governing authority of each school, including but not limited to superintendents, headmasters, school boards, boards of directors, chief executive officers, or principals, shall prepare and submit, for each school under its authority, an annual integrated pest management plan that applies integrated pest management strategies of pest prevention methods and strongly recommends the least toxic methods of control for grass and weed control, and rodent and general pest control in, on, or around school structures and grounds.

B. The annual integrated pest management plan shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

(1) The school name, mailing address, physical address, telephone number, and contact person.

(2) If a company or specific applicator enters into a contract to apply any herbicide, rodenticide, insecticide, or restricted use pesticide, the name and number of the owner/operator license or place of business permit and the certification number of the commercial applicator or licensee.

(3) The name and certification number of the certified commercial applicator for the school system.

(4) The brand name and EPA registration number of all pesticides to be used.

(5) The proposed location and dates for noncertified applicator training.

(6) A list of the following for each pesticide to be used:

(a) The pest to be controlled.

(b) The type of application to be used.

(c) The location of the application.

(d) Whether it is a restricted use pesticide or a general use pesticide.

C. The annual integrated pest management plan shall be submitted in writing to the director of pesticide and environmental programs for the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, on or before August first of each year and shall cover from August first of that year through July thirty-first of the following year.

D. The annual integrated pest management plan shall, upon request, be available for review by the commissioner and the general public in the business office of each school during regular school hours.

E. Any deviation from the submitted annual integrated pest management plan shall be delivered in writing to the director of pesticide and environmental programs no later than twenty-four hours prior to any pesticide application.

F. The annual integrated pest management plan shall not take the place of the recordkeeping requirements of R.S. 3:3243(G) and 3383.

G. Records of inspections, identification, monitoring, evaluations, and pesticide applications shall be maintained by the schools and submitted with the annual integrated pest management plan to the department annually on a form prescribed by the department.

Acts 1995, No. 237, §1.

§3389. Hypersensitive student registry; notification

Each school shall maintain a hypersensitive student registry listing the names of students whose parents have submitted a written statement to the school which shall include but not be limited to the student's name and address, parent's or guardian's signature, name, and address, and a written medical verification by a licensed physician which includes the physician's signature, name, and address.

Acts 1995, No. 237, §1.