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Memo

To: Pesticide Applicators
Subject: Pesticide License Requirements
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The March 11, 2009 training, Vegetation Management in Right-of-Way and Forested Areas, will address vegetation management in right-of-way and forest areas. Please keep in mind that although many of the same chemicals and application techniques are used for controlling vegetation in these areas, different license category classifications are required when applying pesticides to these areas. Commercial Applicators applying pesticides to both of these sites would need to be licensed in both Forest Pest Control, and Right-of-Way Pest Control. Forest Pest Control and Right-of-Way Pest Control are separate license categories.

The North Carolina Pesticide Law of 1971, General Statute 143-452 (a), states, "No person shall engage in the business of pesticide applicator within this State at any time unless he is licensed annually as a pesticide applicator by the Board." Furthermore, the N.C. Pesticide Regulation, **02 NCAC 09L .0505**, establishes the various classifications and subclassifications for licenses; and Regulation **02 NCAC 09L .0504**, defines the various classifications and subclassifications.

Forest Pest Control is defined as follows:

"Forest pest control" includes pesticide applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides in Forests, forest nurseries, and forest seed-producing areas.

Right-of-Way Pest Control is defined as follows:

"Right-of-Way pest control" includes pesticide applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides in the maintenance of public roads, electric powerlines, pipelines, railway rights-of-way or other similar areas.

When managing vegetation in these, and other areas, make sure that someone is properly licensed. Please feel free to contact the Pesticide Section for additional information, or clarification, regarding this issue, or any other issue related to pesticides.

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