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Licensing of Mosquito Mister Businesses

I. INTRODUCTION

IC 15-3-3.6-2(37) defines pesticide “use” to mean an act of handling, releasing, or exposing individuals or the environment to a pesticide. It includes application, supervision of the application, mixing, loading, storage, transportation, and disposal of the pesticide by the applicator. IC 15-3-3.6-6 establishes that a person may not engage in or profess to engage in the business of using a pesticide on the property of another for hire without a pesticide business license.

Outdoor residential misting systems (sometimes called “mosquito misters”) are application systems designed to spray pesticides in a fine mist to kill mosquitoes and other insects outdoors. Misting systems include spray nozzles that are mounted around the perimeter of a home in the lawn or landscaping, or on parts of the house or fence. The spray nozzles are connected by tubing to a supply of insecticide. Some misting systems may be turned on at preset intervals using a timer. Others may be turned on using a remote controller, while others may be activated using a switch.

Mosquito misting systems are sometimes developed, installed, maintained, serviced and supplied by individuals or companies that are not traditional pesticide application businesses. Therefore questions arise relative to the need for licensing for these businesses and what licensing categories would cover their business activities.

II. WHEN IS A PESTICIDE BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIRED?

In general, a pesticide business license is required for anyone who performs any of the following for hire activities:

1. Install mosquito mister systems or application equipment.
2. Maintain mosquito mister systems or application equipment.
3. Insert or fill pesticides into the mister systems or application equipment.

I. IN WHICH CATEGORY MUST THESE BUSINESSES BE LICENSED?

Category 7a **or** Category 8 shall be required for mosquito mister activities that impact **ONLY** a single-family residence. Category 8 shall be required for all other mosquito mister activities.