

1992

SUMMARY REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES

OFFICE OF
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The pesticide section of the Office of Indiana State Chemist is charged with administration of the Indiana Pesticide Registration Law (I.C. 15-3-3.5), the Indiana Pesticide Use and Application Law (I.C. 15-3-3.6), and also represents the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) in Indiana for the purpose of enforcing the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Redenticide Act (FIFRA). A full time staff of five performs inspections at licensees, sample pesticide products and devices, and investigates complaints concerning the use or alleged misuse of pesticide products.

The Indiana Pesticide Registration Law requires the registration of all pesticides or pesticidal devices that are produced, distributed, sold, displayed or offered for sale within the state of Indiana. The law defines pesticide as any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant. The Office of Indiana State Chemist maintains a complete label file for all pesticides registered in the state of Indiana.

In 1992, 13,500 pesticides were registered by manufacturers or formulators. Inspections conducted at pesticide producer establishments and in marketplaces resulted in the collection and analysis of 523 pesticide formulation samples. Thirty-seven of these samples failed to meet their label guarantees and were classified as adulterated or misbranded. During the year it was necessary to issue 235 Stop Sale, Use or Remove Orders for unregistered pesticides.

1992 ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Complaints Investigated	190	In accordance with the mandate of the Use and Application Law to investigate incidents involving the use or alleged misuse of pesticides, 190 use investigations were conducted and 167 residue use samples were analyzed. As a result of those investigations, 67 enforcement letters were issued, seven administrative hearings were conducted, and 25 cases were forwarded to the US EPA for further action.
Residue Use Samples	167	
Enforcement Letters Issued	67	
Administrative Hearings	7	
License Suspensions	1	
License Revocation	3	
Criminal Actions	15	
Forwarded to US EPA	25	
Civil Penalties Assessed.	5	

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING SUMMARY

The certification and licensing of all individuals and companies that apply pesticides for-hire continued to be a priority for the Office of Indiana State Chemist. In 1992, there were 1,682 licensed businesses and 3,524 certified applicators associated with those businesses. 736 Restricted Use Dealer Registrations were issued to those businesses that wished to sell restricted use pesticides and 20,257 private applicator permits were held by farmers that wished to apply restricted use pesticides for the purpose of producing agricultural commodities.

Licensed Businesses	1,682
For-Hire Applicators	3,524
Not-For-Hire Applicators	792
Public Applicators	626
Registered Technician	1,584
Restricted Use Dealer Registration	736
Private Applicator Permits	20,257

Other accomplishments for 1992 included the Office of Indiana State Chemist's participation in two pollution prevention projects. These were **CLEAN SWEEP** - the collection and proper disposal of suspended, cancelled, or unwanted pesticides - and a pesticide container recycling project. Both projects will be expanded in 1993. Additional priorities for 1993 include the phasing in of the new federal Worker Protection Standard, and the Bulk Pesticide Containment Rule, and the development of a generic state ground water protection plan.