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SUMMARY REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES

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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 1994, 13,344 pesticides were registered by manufacturers or formulators. Inspections conducted at pesticide producer establishments and in marketplaces resulted in the collection and analysis of 349 pesticide formulation samples. Sixty-one of these samples failed to meet their label guarantees and were classified as adulterated or misbranded. During the year it was necessary to issue 182 Stop Sale, Use or Remove Orders for unregistered pesticides.

1994 ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Complaints Investigated	199	In accordance with the mandate of the Use and Application Law to investigate incidents involving the use or alleged misuse of pesticides, 199 complaints were investigated and 94 residue use samples were analyzed. As a result of those investigations, 76 enforcement letters were issued, 12 administrative hearings were conducted, and 19 cases were forwarded to the US EPA for further action.
Residue Use Samples	94	
Enforcement Letters Issued	76	
Administrative Hearings	12	
License Suspensions	1	
License Revocation	1	
Criminal Actions	4	
Forwarded to US EPA	19	
Civil Penalties Assessed.	16	

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 1994, there were 1,722 licensed businesses and 3,778 certified applicators associated with those businesses. Restricted Use Dealer Registrations were issued to 611 businesses that wished to sell restricted use pesticides and 20,673 private applicator permits were held by farmers that wished to apply restricted use pesticides for the purpose of producing agricultural commodities.

Licensed Businesses	1,722
For-Hire Applicators	3,778
Not-For-Hire Applicators	953
Public Applicators	688
Registered Technician	1,813
Restricted Use Dealer Registration	611
Private Applicator Permits	20,673

Other accomplishments for 1994 included the continuation of **CLEAN SWEEP** - the collection and proper disposal of suspended, cancelled, or unwanted pesticides - and the expansion of a pesticide container recycling project which collected over 93,000 containers. Priorities for 1995 include the finalization of the generic state groundwater management plan, the promulgation of a rule for wood destroying organism reporting requirements, the certification of applicators who apply pesticides in public access areas and the development of compliance assistance guidelines for agricultural pest control, turf pest control and structural pest control industries.