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PESTICIDE PROGRAM SUMMARY REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES

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The pesticide section of the Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC) 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 Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). A full time field staff of five performs inspections at licensees, samples pesticide products and devices, and investigates complaints concerning the use or alleged misuse of pesticide products.

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING SUMMARY

Licensed Businesses	1866
For-Hire Applicators	4152
Not-For-Hire Applicators	991
Public Applicators	764
Registered Technicians	1397
Restricted Use Dealers Registrations	553
Private Applicator Permits	17,314

The monitoring of certification, licensing, and registration of all individuals and companies that apply pesticides for-hire continued to be a priority for OISC. In 2000, there were 1866 licensed businesses and 4152 certified applicators associated with those businesses. Restricted Use Dealer Registrations were issued to 553 businesses who wished to sell restricted use pesticides and 17,314 private applicator permits were held by farmers who wished to apply restricted use pesticides for the purpose of producing agricultural commodities.

In accordance with the mandate of the Indiana Pesticide Use and Application Law to investigate incidents involving the use or alleged misuse of pesticides, 158 complaints were investigated. Complaints involving wood infesting pest inspection reports, termite control and agricultural drift again topped the list of cases investigated. As a result of these investigations, 73 enforcement letters were issued. Thirty civil penalties were assessed in fiscal year 2000. Civil penalties collected by OISC are transferred to the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service and must then be used for pesticide education purposes.

ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Complaints investigated	158
Enforcement Letters Issued	73
Administrative Hearings	1
License Revocations/Suspensions	7
Criminal Actions	0
Forwarded to US EPA	13
Civil Penalties Assessed	30

The Indiana Pesticide Registration Law requires the registration of all pesticides or pesticidal devices that are used, 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 preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating a pest or used as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant. OISC maintains a complete label file for all pesticides registered in the state of Indiana.

In 2000, 13,796 pesticides were registered by manufacturers or formulators. Inspections conducted at pesticide producer establishments and in market places resulted in the collection and analysis of 217 pesticide formulation samples. Twenty of these samples failed to meet their label guarantees or had label defects and were therefore, classified as adulterated or misbranded. During the year, it was necessary to issue 15 Stop Sale, Use or Removal Orders for misbranded or unregistered pesticides.

The Pesticide Review Board in cooperation with OISC has been diligently working to review and update existing pesticide rules and regulations.

A Number of revised pesticide rules went into effect in the year 2000. These included the following:
355 IAC 4-1 the Pesticide Applicator Certification and Licensing Procedures Rule
355 IAC 4-5 the Wood Destroying Pest Control Applicator Requirements Rule and
355 IAC 4-6 the For Hire Turf Pest Control Applicator Requirements Rule.

In addition to the rules listed above, a big change in the private applicator certification program will take place beginning in January of 2001. Under the new program, farmers will have the option to attend continuing education sessions over the five year life of the permit, or to recertify the "old way," by re-exam.

For written copies of any of the revised rules, visit the OISC web site www.isco.purdue.edu

