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Public Health Pesticides Re-classified

Effective February 2015 the Texas Pesticide Regulations (Rule 7.30 (b)) have been changed to re-classify pesticide products otherwise classified as general use to be considered State-Limited-Use when used for public health pest control. This change will potentially impact many city and county personnel that make applications for mosquito control aerially or with power-driven fogging equipment. These mosquito control applications by government employees now require licensure with TDA in the public health category.

Online Private Applicator Training

Since March 2015 the TDA required Private Applicator Training is now offered online. Registration for the training is handled through Conference Services and the course is hosted by campus.eXtension.org. In instances when customers cannot wait for a scheduled class led by a CEA they can be directed to the online course in order to better serve their needs.

Unwanted Pesticide Disposal

Texas HB 2548 was a bill that would have re-started a pesticide collection program but was not successful during the 83rd Legislative Session.

Currently, there are no state-funded collection programs for unwanted or surplus pesticides. Texans should try to limit accumulation of pesticides through reasonable purchasing and minimizing chemical carryover. Individuals can also utilize private disposal facilities.

Electronic CEU Rosters

Remember - TDA does not accept paper rosters.

All CEU attendance rosters must be submitted using the PA-411E (excel spreadsheet) and submitted electronically to TDA within 14 days of the activity. Extension personnel that continue to submit paper rosters may have their 3 hour CEU privilege revoked. Visit our website for the most current PA-411E roster file.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

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CEA Pesticide Safety Education Professional Development Activity

