PMU Focus

Pyrethroid Labeling Restrictions

Are you aware that the EPA has mandated label changes to pyrethroids commonly used in the pest control industry? These label changes will require that technicians be retrained in some aspects of product use. For example, a practice sometimes referred to as “painting the side of the house” with product will no longer be allowed. Additionally, spraying sidewalks, even for pests like the Caribbean crazy ant will no longer be allowed. New label language will read:

“All outdoor applications must be limited to spot or crack-and-crevice treatments only, except for the following permitted uses:

(1) Treatment to soil or vegetation around structures;
(2) Applications to lawns, turf, and other vegetation;
(3) Applications to building foundations, up to a maximum height of 3 feet.

Other than applications to building foundations, all outdoor applications to impervious surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways, patios, porches and structural surfaces (such as windows, doors, and eaves) are limited to spot and crack-and-crevice applications, only.”

(Sections: Additional Application Restrictions For Residential Outdoor Surface and Space Sprays, except for outdoor fogging devices. From Environmental Hazard and General Labeling for Pyrethroid Non-agricultural Outdoor Products.)

The timeline for these changes has been as follows:
2008: EPA PR-Notice
June 2009: EPA letter to registrants
June 2010: amended labels submitted to EPA
Sept 2010: amended labels approved
March 2012: new labels

So what can you do now?
Recommendations from NPMA:

- Read and follow all label instructions
- Understand what products have the new labeling
- Update service protocols/retrain technicians
- Talk with manufacturers / distributors about timelines
- Carefully management existing stocks—know what you have and when you can use
- Talk to state regulators about how they will interpret the new labels
Date: February 2, 2012; Thursday  
Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC  
Time: 8 AM-5 PM  
**Registration will close on Jan 30, 2012; Monday.**

**Registration Form**

This one-day class is geared for the new technician, sales or office staff. We cover the general Florida Statute 482 requirements for technicians and sales staff. Learn the basic termite biology and behavior in the context of structural infestations. We also go outside to determine slab types and common ways termites enter structures as well as methods for treatment.

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**Basics of GHP**

Date: February 3, 2012; Friday  
Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC  
Time: 8 AM-5 PM  
**Registration will close on Jan 30, 2012; Monday.**

**Registration Form**

This one-day class is geared for the new technician, sales or office staff. We cover the general Florida Statute 482 requirements for technicians and sales. Learn the basics concepts around “green” and Integrated Pest Management. Learn how to monitor and make decisions on treatment. We cover how food sources, harborage, and water sources play a role in infestation and management using ants and cockroaches as examples.

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**Foundations of GHP**

Date: February 22-24, 2012; Wednesday-Friday  
Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC  
Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH), 8 AM-Noon (F)  
**Registration will close on Feb 17, 2012; Friday.**

**Registration Form**

Want to know why pest control matters from the newest cockroach research on allergen mitigation? Want to know the details on how these allergens were decreased below asthma thresholds using IPM? This is the class for you! We will be covering the domestic and peridomestic species and cockroaches and how to control them. How about rodent control issues? Do your technicians know how to properly trap for rodents? This is one pest that can shut down a food handling facility. We will also cover some important flies, ranging from fruit flies to house flies. Did you know that the white-footed ant is not the white-footed ant in Florida—it’s actually a different species! Is there anything new going on with fire ants? What about those crazy ants…We will discuss this and much more in the context of IPM and “green”. And of course, we wouldn’t hold classes without DACS’ take on GHP!
PMU Reminders

Carmen Nazario who will be housed at our home base at UF/IFAS Apopka MREC. Carmen comes to us from a the second largest consumer products company in the world and worked at their headquarters in New York City. She has worked in the Consumer Affairs Department & was part of the Supplier Diversity Team & had extensive input in the Marketing Division. She has been working with us for over a year, and along with Diane Mealo helps to ensure our PMU classes run smoothly from beginning to end. Carmen will assist us with student registration and the marketing of PMU. She can be reached at 407-884-2034, X167 or cnazario@ufl.edu.

As we expand our program, Pest Management University has worked closely with DACS to align our classes with the State Certified Operator Examinations. This year, we will deliver a pilot program as a way to perform on the state examination, but you must come through at least the Foundations and Masters level of GHP or Termite (WDO) to qualify. Here’s how it will work:

- Sign up for and attend any Foundations and Masters class within a category (Termite/WDO or GHP) before September 2012.
- Indicate on your registration form that you would like to take the state exam after the Master’s class.
- In order to lock in at 2011 prices, send a check for $650 for both classes. This price will include a free review session after the Master's level class on Friday afternoon with DACS.
- Take the certified operator examination after the DACS review on Saturday at Apopka MREC.

Make sure that you are in compliance with DACS requirements for taking the state examination, including work experience requirements. You will still have to fill out the application for examination. For additional information, please see the DACS website: http://www.flaes.org/aes-ent/examinfo.html.

Learn more from IFAS

- UF/IFAS has Extension Offices in each of Florida’s sixty-seven counties. We also have twelve Research and Education Centers (RECs) and Research and Demonstration Sites (RDSs).
- If you need help a great place to start is your local County Extension Office. With an office located in every county it has never been easier to partner with the University of Florida and your local County Government. To find an office near you please visit: http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map/