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In 1995, the Virginia General Assembly amended the Virginia Pesticide Control Act to clarify that only the following individuals who apply pesticides on the job must be certified as a commercial applicator or registered technician:

1. any person who uses or supervises the use of any pesticide on any area open to the general public at the following establishments:
 - a. educational institutions
 - b. health care facilities
 - c. day-care facilities
 - d. convalescent facilities
2. any person who uses or supervises the use of any pesticide within any area where open food is stored, processed, or sold at any establishment
3. any person who uses or supervises the use of any pesticide on any recreational land over five acres in size; and
4. any person otherwise specifically required by the law to be certified as a commercial applicator (this primarily applies to any governmental employee).

New Regulations Governing Pesticide Applicator Certification Under Authority of Virginia Pesticide Control Act (2 VAC 20-51-10 through 2 VAC 20-51-210) *became effective on March 17, 1999*. These regulations define a “commercial applicator not for hire” as any applicator who uses or supervises the use of pesticides as part of his job duties only on property owned or leased by him or his employer. This definition also applies to governmental employees who use or supervise the use of pesticides in performance of their official duties.

Heretofore, many of the persons applying pesticides in the above activities were never certified as pesticide applicators. If you have any employees, who apply pesticides as part of their job duties, in any of the above listed activities, please read the enclosed information that describes who must become certified, the requirements for becoming certified, the fee necessary for becoming certified (if applicable), and the procedures for maintaining certification. **Your employees should be brought into compliance with these requirements by June 30, 2001.** If you have any questions on whether any of your employees require certification in order to apply pesticides, please feel free to **contact me at (804) 371-4141 up until August 22, 2000.** Please direct any questions or concerns to Marshall Trammell at (804) 786-3798 or Kathy Dictor at (804) 786-0685 after August 22, 2000. The Office of Pesticide Services staff is ready to assist you and your establishment or agency in complying with the Virginia pesticide laws and regulations.

Sincerely,
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