

**EPA** is the federal agency responsible for regulating the risks and benefits posed by pesticide use. The national office, the Office of Pesticide Programs is responsible for registering pesticide products intended for sale and use in the United States, for developing national policies and rules, and for providing guidance to regional and state programs. EPA has developed many regulatory and educational programs to protect human health and the environment from pesticides. These include registering pesticides for specific uses, setting standards to protect workers, and educating consumers about pesticides. Other special programs include water quality, the Strategic Agriculture Initiative (SAI), the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP), endangered species protection, and worker safety programs.

The EPA New England Regional Office provides a key link between the national and state pesticide programs. EPA New England Pesticide program staff address all pesticide inquiries that are directed to the regional office. This includes providing information and assistance to New England states and tribes, as well as congressional members, farmers, educators, businesses, and the public.

EPA New England pesticide regulatory partners are the six New England pesticide State Lead Agencies (SLAs) which work closely with EPA to implement pesticide policies and initiatives





and enforce state and federal pesticide regulations. EPA New England provides financial and technical support to the SLAs.

For more information call the National Pesticides Information Center at 1-800-858-7378

Poison Control Center: 1-800-222-1222

## www.epa.gov/ne/eco/pest

For additional information on pesticides visit EPA New England's pesticides web site.

The site features information useful to pesticide manufacturers, homeowners, applicators, regulators and communities.



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