

# ***We need your help!***

This is your chance to affect public policy. As always, it's important for the Board to hear your opinions and take them into account.

If you can come to the Public Hearing on November 21, the Board will listen to your comments at that time. If not, they can be submitted in writing. Either way, your comments will be considered equally.

All comments must be received by the December 3 deadline.

*Thank you for your help!*



# **Maine Board of Pesticides Control Proposed Changes to Pesticide Regulations**



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*Important Information Inside:  
Proposed Changes to Pesticide Regulations*

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# **The Maine Board of Pesticides Control proposes to make the following changes to existing pesticide regulations:**

## **REGULATION CHAPTERS WITH PROPOSED CHANGES**

- ▶ **Chapter 10—Definitions and Terms:** Amend the current rule to redefine Sensitive Areas and create a new subcategory of Sensitive Areas Likely to Be Occupied, including public roads.
- ▶ **Chapter 22—Standards for Outdoor Application of Pesticides by Powered Equipment in Order to Minimize Off-Target Deposition:** Amend the current rule to include a site map for all ground applications; to create a new section specific to aerial application with upgraded site planning requirements, including positive identification of the site, a site plan, and an application checklist; and to replace existing standards for off-target residues with a “Standard of Harm” approach.
- ▶ **Chapter 28—Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications:** Amend the current rule to allow persons up to 500 feet from a ground application to request general information and/or notification about specific applications; to allow persons up to 1,500 feet from an aerial application to request general information and/or notification about specific applications; to require persons contracting for an aerial application within 1,000 feet of occupied areas to determine whether occupants desire prior notification; and to require posting of unmanaged public areas within 1,000 feet of aerial applications.

## **COPIES OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

The proposed regulations may be viewed at [www.thinkfirstspraylast.org/laws/rulemaking.htm](http://www.thinkfirstspraylast.org/laws/rulemaking.htm), or copies may be obtained from the Board of Pesticides Control office (*see contact information below*).

## **THERE ARE TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS**

### **▶ COMMENT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING**

**Date:** Friday, November 21, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Location:** Bangor Motor Inn, 701 Hogan Road, Bangor

### **▶ SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING**

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## **DEADLINE FOR ALL COMMENTS**

5:00 PM, Wednesday, December 3, 2008