

New Regulations and Mandatory Certification

Beginning January 1, 2006, pesticide applicators working in three commercial categories will need to be certified in those categories regardless of whether or not they use Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs). (Others of you may have been aware of these impending changes through other routes.) Until now, only Category 7 (Structural Pest Control) and Category 11 (Aerial Application) had mandated certification. Certification in all other categories was and is dependent on the use of PUPs.

The three categories now also having mandatory certification are:

Category 3 - Turf and Ornamental Pest Control

Category 5 - Aquatic Pest Control (in SC this is essentially all aquatic weed control)

Category 8 - Public Health (in SC this is essentially all mosquito control)

These new requirements are in the new regulations of the South Carolina Pesticide Control Act. These regulations were passed by the SC Legislature in May of this year and go into effect January 1, 2006. You can view these new regulations from our program web site at:

New SC Pesticide Regulations

<http://dpr.clemson.edu/Pco/New%20Rules%20and%20Regulations.swf>

(This is the last item listed on our Commercial web page at:

Commercial/Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator Certification

<http://entweb.clemson.edu/pesticid/commerci.htm>)

The new regulations specify what tasks within a category require an individual to be certified; in some situations individuals in addition to the applicators must be certified.

Please note that we have updated our web site to reflect the impending changes. Our Commercial Categories page, with category descriptions and links for category specific information is at:

12 Categories of Commercial and Noncommercial Pesticide Applicators

<http://entweb.clemson.edu/pesticid/Category/CatList.htm>

Please note that our main page for information for Commercial Pesticide Applicator information is:

Commercial/Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator Certification

<http://entweb.clemson.edu/pesticid/commerci.htm>

We have information on Recertification for ALL pesticide applicators at:

Recertification Training for All Certified Pesticide Applicators

<http://entweb.clemson.edu/pesticid/PAREcert.htm>