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**REMINDER OF YOUR OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH
REGULATION 914 WHEN POSTING NOTIFICATION SIGNS FOR PESTICIDE USE**

Inspections conducted during 2001 by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) found that the majority of signs used by the lawn care industry to notify the public of pesticide use did not comply with all the requirements of Regulation 914 under the *Pesticides Act*.

Sections 64 to 79 of Regulation 914 detail the requirements for signs posted to notify the public of pesticide use. It is important that these signs be uniform, clear and consistent so the public can easily recognize them and know that pesticides have been used.

All public and residential area signs that are used to notify the public of pesticide use for a land extermination must comply with the requirements of Regulation 914. These requirements include format, wording, minimum letter and number sizes, allowable contents of the pictogram and use of logos. The licensed exterminator in charge of the land extermination is responsible for ensuring that the proper sign is used and that it is posted in accordance with the regulatory requirements. Operators of pest control businesses are responsible for the acts and omissions of their employees.

During the 2002 pesticide application season, MOE will inspect the signs being used by pesticide applicators to notify the public of pesticide use in land exterminations. Enforcement action will be considered if public and residential area notification signs do not comply with the requirements of Regulation 914.

The enclosed three attachments provide information on Regulation 914 requirements and examples of the public and residential area signs to notify the public of pesticide use in land exterminations. Attachment 1 provides a general summary of the regulatory requirements for public and residential area notification signs. Attachment 2 indicates when and where each type of notification sign, either public or residential area, is required. Please consult sections 64 to 79 of Regulation 914 for exact wording. Copies of the *Pesticides Act* and Regulation 914 can be obtained at <http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca>. Attachment 3 gives examples of the public and residential area signs showing the format, wording and pictograms for the fronts and backs of the signs as prescribed under Regulation 914.

Une version française de la présente lettre est disponible sur demande. Les pièces jointes 2 et 3 ne sont disponibles qu'en anglais.

For further information contact your local Ministry of the Environment office or the ministry's Web site at <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca>.

Attachment 1

Regulation 914 Requirements for Public and Residential Area Notification Signs

All public and residential area signs that are used to notify the public of pesticide use for a land extermination must comply with the requirements of Regulation 914. These requirements include format, wording, minimum letter and number sizes, allowable contents of the pictogram and use of logos. Also note that:

- The pictogram on public and residential area signs must depict only a single, black silhouette of an adult person within a red circle and a red oblique bar across the silhouette. Silhouettes of animals and plants are not permitted in the pictogram. Signs must not be used for company or association promotion or advertisement.
- The only additional wordings or markings permitted on the sign are the company logo and the name of the employer of the person who performed the land extermination. These words and logo must be discreet and can only be placed within the bottom 2.5 cm of a residential area sign and the bottom 5 cm of a public area sign. Additional graphic or text boxes with company logos or instructions for removing signs are not permitted.
- The letter and number sizes for the additional information that must be provided on the signs, such as telephone numbers, pesticide names and federal registration numbers, must be printed at least 1 cm high on residential area signs and 1.5 cm high on public area signs.
- Signs with pre-printed lists containing pesticide names, federal registration numbers, pests controlled and corresponding check-off boxes are not permitted.
- The sign must be made of rain resistant material and sturdy enough to be reusable.
- The sign cannot be posted on trees, fences, buildings or on signboards together with other signs.
- All pesticide land exterminations applied by ground or aerial (i.e., fixed wing, rotary wing) equipment including the use of pesticide/fertilizer mixtures (e.g., weed and feed products) must be posted, unless exempt under Regulation 914.

Example: Residential Area Sign - NOT TO SIZE

WARNING



PESTICIDE USE

FOR INFORMATION
CONTACT.....
CALL COLLECT.....
DATE SPRAYED.....

Residential Area Sign

Sign to be 28cm x 22cm (minimum) rain resistant, sturdy to be reused

→Capital **Red** letters 2.5cm (minimum)

→**Black** single silhouette of an adult person on white background. **Red** circle (outer edge a minimum of 12.5cm in diameter and width one tenth of the diameter) and oblique **red** bar

→Capital **Red** letters 2.5cm (minimum)

→Capital **Black** letters 1cm (minimum) and telephone number of representative or person performing the land extermination; numbers to be 1cm in height (minimum)

→Capital **Black** letters 1cm (minimum) and long distance telephone number, if applicable; numbers to be 1cm in height (minimum)

→Capital **Black** letters 1cm (minimum) and day/month/year of pesticide application; numbers to be 1cm in height (minimum)

→Words or markings that identify the employer of the person performing the land extermination or that identify the owner/ occupier or person in charge and that do not detract from the sign; not to occupy more than bottom 2.5cm of the sign

PESTICIDE.....
REGISTRATION NUMBER

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TO CONTROL.....

PESTICIDE.....
REGISTRATION NUMBER

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TO CONTROL

→Capital **Black** letters 1cm (minimum) and pesticide name; letters to be 1cm in height (minimum)

→Capital **Black** letters 1cm (minimum) and *Pest Control Products Act No. (PCP No.)* or *Fertilizers Act No. (FA No.)*; numbers to be 1cm in height (minimum)

→Capital **Black** letters 1cm (minimum) and name of pest; letters to be 1cm in height (minimum)

→Words or markings that identify the employer of the person performing the land extermination or that identify the owner/ occupier or person in charge and do not detract from the sign, or additional words or markings that have been approved in writing by the Director under the *Act*; not to occupy more than bottom 2.5cm of the sign

Example: Public Area Sign - NOT TO SIZE

WARNING



PESTICIDE USE

FOR INFORMATION
CONTACT.....
CALL COLLECT.....
DATE POSTED.....
DATE SPRAYED.....

Public Area Sign

Sign to be 51cm x 38cm (minimum) rain resistant, sturdy to be reused

→Capital **Red** letters 5cm (minimum)

→**Black** single silhouette of an adult person on white background. **Red** circle (outer edge a minimum of 21.5cm in diameter and width one tenth of the diameter) and oblique **red** bar

→Capital **Red** letters 5cm (minimum)

→Capital **Black** letters 1.5cm (minimum) and telephone number of representative or person performing the land extermination; numbers to be 1.5cm in height (minimum)

→Capital **Black** letters 1.5cm (minimum) and long distance telephone number, if applicable; numbers to be 1.5cm in height (minimum)

→Capital **Black** letters 1.5cm (minimum) and, day/month/year of posting, and/or preposting (if applicable) and day/month/year of pesticide application; numbers to be 1.5cm in height (minimum)

→Words or markings that identify the employer of the person performing the land extermination or that identify the owner/ occupier or person in charge and that do not detract from the sign; not to occupy more than bottom 5cm of the sign

PESTICIDE.....

REGISTRATION NUMBER

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TO CONTROL.....

PESTICIDE.....

REGISTRATION NUMBER

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TO CONTROL

→Capital **Black** letters 1.5cm (minimum) and pesticide name; letters to be 1.5cm in height (minimum)

→Capital **Black** letters 1.5cm (minimum) and *Pest Control Products Act No. (PCP No.)* or *Fertilizers Act No. (FA No.)*; numbers to be 1.5cm in height (minimum)

→Capital **Black** letters 1.5cm (minimum) and name of pest; letters to be 1.5cm in height (minimum)

→Words or markings that identify the employer of the person performing the land extermination or that identify the owner/ occupier or person in charge and do not detract from the sign, or additional words or markings that have been approved in writing by the Director under the *Act*; not to occupy more than bottom 5cm of the sign