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To: Licensed Aerial Applicators

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RE: New Rules Adopted for aerial applicator operation in 2009

This memo is to notify you that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has adopted new rules requiring all *aerial* applicators to work through an Iowa aerial applicator consultant.

Aerial Applicator Operation in Iowa

All aerial applicators operating in Iowa in 2009 will need to comply with the following requirements:

1. **Commercial Applicator License and certification.** Obtain a commercial applicator license. Annual license fee is \$25 for the business.
2. **Certification.** Obtain a category 11 – aerial applicator certification. Individual applicator certification fee is either \$30 for one year or \$75 for three years. Be aware that a certification card which is dated to expire on or after 12/31/2009 is valid only when the holder is employed with a current licensed pesticide applicator company.
3. **Proof of Financial Responsibility.** Current certificate of insurance must be filed each year. Insurance certificates must be specific to the name of the insured and also list the N number for each aircraft used to apply pesticides in Iowa. Please note the expiration date of your policy and make sure a new certificate of insurance is filed with the pesticide bureau upon expiration of the previous policy.
4. **Iowa Agent.** Non-resident applicators must file a power of attorney form designating the Iowa Secretary of State as their agent. If you are a non-resident and you had an Iowa commercial applicator license under your current business name last year then you don't have to file this form in subsequent years.
5. **Containment Verification.** File verification of compliance with containment requirements. If this form was filed with your initial license application and the information submitted initially remains current you are not required to file this agreement again.

If you previously submitted an agreement to permit an applicator access to your containment and the terms of that agreement are no longer in effect you must notify the pesticide bureau of the changes. Notification of changes may be made by e-mail (pesticides@IowaAgriculture.gov) or fax (515-242-6497) or by mail.

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4. **Iowa Aerial Applicator Consultant.** Identify name and certification number of Iowa aerial applicator consultant you will be working with. If you qualify to register as a aerial applicator consultant and plan to register an Aerial Applicator Consultant Registration form is enclosed.
5. **Pesticide Handler Certification.** Employees who mix and load pesticides (in bulk or open containers) are required to be certified as pesticide handlers if they are not a certified applicator.
6. **Part 137 Certification.** Provide proof of FAA Part 137 certification
7. **IDOT Aircraft Registration.** Iowa residents will need to submit evidence that their aircraft are registered with the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Aerial Applicator Consultant means a person who is a resident of Iowa and holds a valid certification in category #11, Aerial Application, and either an Iowa commercial applicator license or pesticide dealer license, who coordinates the commercial application of pesticides by aerial applicators.

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