REGULATION UPDATE
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ADOPTION OF COURSE REQUIREMENT BY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS AND REINSPECTION LANGUAGE; AMENDMENTS OF HOUR VALUE SYSTEM, EXAMINATION IN LIEU OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND APPROVAL OF ACTIVITIES

TO: ALL REGISTERED COMPANIES AND BRANCH OFFICES

The Structural Pest Control Board (Board) has adopted sections 1922.3 - Course Requirement by County Agricultural Commissioners and 1993.1 - Reinspection Language, and amended sections 1950.5 – Hour Value System, 1951 – Examination in Lieu of Continuing Education, and 1953 - Approval of Activities of Title 16, Division 19 of the California Code of Regulations.

Regulation section 1922.3 adopts language that instructs a Structural Pest Control Board licensee on the course requirements when, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 8617, a lawful order is made by a county agricultural commissioner that directs a licensee to take and pass a Board approved course of instruction.

Regulation section 1993.1 adopts language requiring a written statement to appear on inspection reports which identifies the obligations of a pest control company when an estimate or bid for making repairs is given, clarifies reinspection requirements and completion timeframe, gives instructions on reinspection for both visible and concealed areas, price restrictions and repair work guarantees.
Regulation section 1950.5 amends the language to require a written examination at the end of every course offering technical or rules and regulations hours; eliminates continuing education (CE) credit for equivalent activities, such as teaching courses or publishing articles; reduces CE credit granted for attending a board meeting to four hours per license renewal cycle, redefines credit for board meetings to one hour of general education and one hour of rules and regulations and exempts board meeting credit from the examination requirements of this section.

Regulation section 1951 amends the language by changing the words “licensed operator(s) or field representative(s)” to “licensee(s),” and clarifies that a passing grade on the examination is 70 percent or higher.

Regulation section 1953 amends the language by redefining the course syllabus, restructuring the Student Questionnaire with the cost of postage incurred by the provider, and redefining continuing education credit so as to avoid CE credit hours for in-house training focusing on policies or procedures of a single firm or sales pitches for products.

These regulations become effective August 5, 2005, and will soon be incorporated into each Article Section on the Board’s website at: http://www.pestboard.ca.gov/regstoc.htm.

The regulations currently at: http://www.pestboard.ca.gov/regstoc.htm, have been updated and the PDF file is one continuous document.

There is also a link to the entire Structural Pest Control Act at: http://www.pestboard.ca.gov/pestlaw.htm.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations, please contact the Board at (916) 561-8700.

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