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From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 8:18 AM
To: 'propsys2@midmaine.com'
Subject: Landlord Distribution of Pesticides

Dear Ms. Anderson:

Recently I received a note from you inquiring about PropSys Company's interest in supplying, "Gentrol Point Source" roach traps to tenants of buildings managed by PropSys. During previous conversations with PropSys employees, I conveyed that current Board policy does not prohibit this type of distribution.

Since that time, I have been contacted by individuals expressing concern about potential risks associated with landlord distribution of pesticides to tenants. These concerns have caused us to reconsider the appropriateness of this practice. Of particular concern is the potential harm that may result from the improper application of pesticides by untrained applicators. These include the possibility of health related incidents. Consequently, the Maine Board of Pesticides Control is now discouraging any distribution of pesticides from landlord to tenant. A more formal policy will be discussed in front of the seven member public Board at its next monthly meeting.

I encourage your company to evaluate the risk of a health related incident occurring as result of the Company's practice of distributing pesticides and to discuss that risk with its insurance carrier.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Henry Jennings
Director
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