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Maine Board of Pesticides Control
Attn. Henry Jennings
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Dear Henry,

I would like to ask that you place on the agenda for the October 1, 2010 board meeting and item addressing the policy restriction for the use of Dylox by commercial application. It is my understanding that only spot treatments are allowed for its use and the applicator is solely responsible for assuring the watering in of the product before leaving site or any person re-entering. Those two issues almost completely restrict the responsible use of the product.

For example, assume a large grub population on the right side of the customer's property in the fall and a spot treatment is made to cure the breakout. You can be sure the population and area of damage will be on the left side in the following spring if the population on the left survives to become larger in size and appetite. We cannot go around digging up the customer's property to verify they are there. A blanket treatment would essentially save the customer's lawn and save him the cost of repeated return spot treatments.

Regarding the assurance of watering in the product, why isn't a single agreement with the customer to water in the application A.S.A.P. is sufficient. We try not to work at night or early in neighborhoods when our customers are more likely to be home. I would be happy to provide examples and answer questions for the Board regarding this issue. I believe this product should be only used sparingly and only be licensed applicators (not individuals under supervision) and should also be restricted as to how many times it may be used on a single property.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to discussing it with you further.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Legasse
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