

● **CONNECTICUT PESTICIDE CONTROL ACT (*AERIAL APPLICATORS*)**

STATUTORY CITATION: Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 22a-46 – 22a-66x

RELATED REGULATIONS: Conn. Agencies Regs. §§ 22a-54-1 – 22a-54-3 and 22a-66-7

GENERAL SUMMARY: The Connecticut Pesticide Control Act confers broad authority on the state environmental protection department to adopt pesticide standards, including requirements and restrictions on the application of pesticides by air.

SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CERTIFICATION OF AERIAL APPLICATORS — No one may apply or offer to apply any pesticide or fertilizer by aircraft without first obtaining a certificate from the state authorizing aerial operations. Each applicant must be qualified to fly an aircraft, must pass an examination demonstrating competence to apply pesticides safely and effectively, and must maintain liability insurance coverage of at least \$100,000 for bodily injury (each occurrence) and \$100,000 for property damage (each occurrence).

AERIAL APPLICATION PERMITS — Before any pesticide or fertilizer may be applied to a crop or to land from the air, the owner of the crop or land must obtain a permit from the state. A permit may not be granted until the target area and surrounding property have been inspected and the applicant produces evidence that the material to be applied and the method of application will not harm public health, water, animal life or property.

REGULATORY RESTRICTIONS — No pesticide may be applied from the air to a tract of land less than 10 acres in size, unless the tract is part of a larger parcel of at least 10 acres. Before an aerial spray operation may be undertaken, a written release is generally required from any resident whose property is within 300 feet of the flight path of the airplane to be used, or within 200 feet in the case of application by helicopter.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *Pesticide Management Program, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 (860-424-3369).*

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*