

**18B.305 PESTICIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING.**

Subdivision 1. **Education and training.** (a) The commissioner shall develop, in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Extension Service, innovative educational and training programs addressing pesticide concerns including:

- (1) water quality protection;
- (2) endangered species;
- (3) pesticide residues in food and water;
- (4) worker protection;
- (5) chronic toxicity;
- (6) integrated pest management; and
- (7) pesticide disposal.

(b) The commissioner shall appoint educational planning committees which must include representatives of industry.

(c) Specific current regulatory concerns must be discussed and, if appropriate, incorporated into each training session.

(d) The commissioner may approve programs from private industry and nonprofit organizations that meet minimum requirements for education, training, and certification.

Subd. 2. **Training manual and examination development.** The commissioner, in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Extension Service, shall continually revise and update pesticide applicator training manuals and examinations. The manuals and examinations must be written to meet or exceed the minimum standards required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and pertinent state specific information. Questions in the examinations must be determined by the responsible agencies. Manuals and examinations must include pesticide management practices that discuss prevention of pesticide occurrence in groundwaters of the state.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 2007 c 133 art 2 s 13]

**History:** 1989 c 326 art 5 s 34; 1997 c 192 s 13; 2001 c 161 s 8