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Good Afternoon MNLA Members,

The Michigan Dept of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) has received authority to develop a temporary program that allows you, a Michigan business, to get your employees trained to apply general use pesticides only (restricted use pesticides are not allowed under this program) during this time that in-person exams are not available. This temporary program is the Registered Applicator Program and only applies to the commercial applicators (there is a separate program for Private Applicators). This is an overview of how it works:

1. One of your employees, that is a currently certified pesticide applicator with at least 2 years of experience, takes and passes a Registered Applicator Trainer Exam (this is scheduled and done over the telephone with an MDARD representative).
2. Once this employee passes the exam they become a Registered Applicator Trainer and they then can then train your other employees (with an program already developed by MSU and available at no charge).
3. After this training the Trainer administers an exam to these employees. Once an employee passes with a score of 70% or better, the trainer completes a Registered Applicator Verification Form and Application and mails it in with a check or money order for \$45 to the MDARD.
4. Once these steps are completed, the Registered Applicator can begin working immediately.

The full program, the Exam, Forms, and instructions (with a frequently asked questions and answers) are attached. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you and please take care,

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