

Development Authority of the North Country Governance Policies



Subject: Pesticide Use Policy

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SECTION 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1. BACKGROUND

The Development Authority of the North Country (Authority), by Board Resolution No. 2009-10-09, adopted an Authority Environmental Policy Statement. This Environmental Policy Statement commits the Authority, and its employees, to act as responsible stewards of the environment. It further requires the integration of environmental protection and enhancement into planning, design, procurement, construction and operations.

SECTION 2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1** Pesticides contain toxins. If improperly used, pesticides may injure health, property, humans, wildlife, and the environment.
- 2.2** The Environmental Protection Agency is encouraging the use of natural products through an Integrated Pest management (IPM) Program.
- 2.3** IPM solutions help protect human health, economic well being and the environment.
- 2.4** Several federal and state agencies have already switched to an IPM approach and discontinued the use of registered pesticides at their facilities.
- 2.5** The Authority's Green Innovation Committee has been evaluating the use of pesticides at Authority facilities and has identified feasible alternatives.

SECTION 3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

- A.** The Authority shall utilize an IPM approach to reducing pest and pesticide risks including:
 1. An understanding of pest biology and ecology
 2. Effective monitoring and inspection to detect pest problems and correct inadequate conditions
 3. Action to control pest problems only when necessary
 4. Choosing effective options with the least risk to health and the environment
 5. Use of long-term, preventative solutions to prevent and avoid pest problems

3.2 REGISTERED PESTICIDES

- A. The Authority shall utilize an IPM approach that excludes the use of registered pesticides.

3.3 EXCEPTION

- A. An exception to this policy may be exercised upon the approval of the Executive Director, following a determination that an emergency situation requires such action
- B. Upon approval of an exception, a written notice will be provided to the Authority's Board of Directors

SECTION 4.0 IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1. This policy is a continuation of the Authority's overall commitment to environmental stewardship.
- 4.2. This policy is applicable to all divisions, facilities, management, and employees of the Authority.
- 4.3. To the extent the Authority has the opportunity and the choice, it shall be applicable to all contractors of the Authority while operating at the Authority facilities.
- 4.4. Copies of the policy will be posted to the public website and made accessible electronically through the Authority's network.

References:

Sections 33-0301 and 0303 of the Environmental conservation Law (ECL), the department (NYSDEC) has jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to the distribution, sales, use and transportation of pesticides. NYSDEC also regulates the registration, commercial use, purchase and custom application of pesticides <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulation/8527.html>.

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