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Dear Antimicrobial Pesticide Applicator,

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is revising the Antimicrobial Certification, Category I, to include pesticide applications to include control of indoor mold, as well as microbial pest management in cooling towers and HVAC systems. Starting in fall, 2010, Antimicrobial study manual, tests and recertification workshops will encompass antimicrobial pesticide use for indoor mold, cooling towers and HVACs. There will be no change for persons currently licensed in Category I.

To that effort, the University of Minnesota (UMN) is publishing a new Antimicrobial, Pesticide Applicator Training Manual for release in late summer, 2010. At that time, the current edition of the manual will no longer be sold and the MDA will replace the current Category I test with a new one that corresponds with the new manual.

Keep in mind that the Antimicrobial 2010 edition study manual will be the standard study manual upon its release. Again, all applicators licensed in Category I at the time of change will maintain their category.

If you have additional licensing questions, please call me at 651-201-6548. If you have questions on the release of the 2010 Antimicrobial Pesticides, Pesticide Applicator Training Manual, please contact Mary Kay Ferguson, Pesticide Safety & Environmental Education, University of Minnesota Extension at 612-625-4271.

Sincerely,

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