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IMPLICATIONS OF CURRENT ENFORCEMENT OF TERMITE PRE-CONSTRUCTION TREATMENT STANDARDS

The Nevada Department of Agriculture is in the process of enforcing current termite pre-construction treatment standards. Pest control licensees who attended the September 20, 2012 termite pre-construction treatment meeting in Las Vegas learned the details of more involved termiticide label application requirements and enforcement standards. Requirements discussed included the necessity of applying termiticides into trenches in the "final grade" around the outside of structures as well as increased application volumes to "critical areas" (e.g. plumbing and utility penetrations, bath-traps, cold joints, etc.). Additionally, treatments are required for external areas covered by a roof (e.g. covered entryways, porches, etc.).

There is little doubt that these application standards will result in an increase in the time it takes to perform a pre-treatment, as well as an increase in the number of trips to treatment sites (in most cases at least 3) and amount of termiticide applied. With these increases, accordingly the NDA expects there will be a sharp increase in the cost associated to perform them. To accommodate the higher costs expected with these changes, the NDA has agreed to an adjustment period until January 1, 2013; after which adherence to these standards will be expected. This period will allow pest control companies the opportunity to inform builders of these changes and to discuss any necessary negotiation changes.

One of the NDA's missions is to protect the welfare of consumers from the destructive effects of termites as well as the integrity of the pest control industry and those involved in new home construction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Barbee", written over a horizontal line.

James R. Barbee, Director
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A copy of this memorandum is present on the NDA's website at: www.agri.nv.gov, click on 'Pest Control' (under the Plant Industry column), then click on 'Correspondence / Memos / Letters Home'; then on the first link indicated as 'New'.

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