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### **Memorandum:**

To: Strychnine Product Distributors and Manufacturers  
From: Charles Moses, ES IV, Nevada Department of Agriculture  
Date: February 12, 2016  
Subject: All Formulations of Strychnine Classified as Restricted Use in Nevada

In 2003, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) classified all formulations of strychnine as state designated, Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP). This was done to eliminate the ongoing illegal use of strychnine to poison non-target animals. All products containing strychnine must be sold through a NDA licensed RUP dealership for use or supervision by a RUP certified applicator with the proper RUP category.

Recently, NDA inspectors have discovered that several non-licensed RUP dealerships in Nevada have been selling products containing strychnine. If such products are found, a stop sale will be issued and the products will be removed from sale. Furthermore, if these products are not registered with NDA, product manufacturers will be required to register them, and will be charged an additional late fee. A partial list of EPA registered products which contain strychnine include:

Cooke Quick Action Gopher Mix  
Fort Dodge Gopher Bait

Martin's Gopher Bait 50  
RCO Omega Grain Bait

Please note that any EPA registered strychnine product can still be sold or distributed in the State of Nevada as long as a) the product is registered by the state, and b) it is sold or distributed through a state licensed, restricted use pesticide dealership.

If you have any questions regarding this matter or wish to obtain a current list of licensed RUP dealerships in Nevada, please contact me by e-mail [cmoses@agri.nv.gov](mailto:cmoses@agri.nv.gov) or phone at 775-353-3716.

Cc: Dr. Jian Zhang, NDA State Chemist