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Memorandum:

To: Strychnine Product Distributors and Manufacturers
From: Sean Gephart, Agriculturist III
Date: January 5, 2011
Subject: All Formulations of Strychnine Classified as Restricted Use in Nevada

In 2003, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDOA) classified all formulations of strychnine as a "Restricted Use Pesticide" (RUP). This was done to eliminate the ongoing illegal use of strychnine to poison animals. All products containing strychnine must be sold through a NDOA licensed RUP dealership for use or supervision by a RUP certified applicator.

Recently, NDOA 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 NDOA, 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
Monterey Go-Die Gopher Bait
Fort Dodge Gopher Bait
Wilco Gopher Getter

Martin's Gopher Bait
RCO Omega Grain Bait
Southwest Gopher-Go Ag 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 Charles Moses (775-353-3716) at the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

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