

Dutchess County BOCES Notification of Potential Pesticide Use

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.*

Dutchess County BOCES is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for continuous 72-hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when use to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting of insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school or facility, please complete the attached form and return it to the main office or mail to Dutchess County BOCES – Facilities & Operations, 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

For further information on these requirements, the Dutchess County BOCES pesticide representative is Mr. Cole Bender and may be reached at:

(845)486-4800 Ext. 2299 Fax: (845)486-4981 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

*Note - Dutchess County BOCES practices Integrated Pest Management Pesticide Application is not routinely performed.