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**Memorandum**

To: Board of Pesticides Control  
From: Staff  
Subject: Are colorants considered to be adjuvants?

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Staff have received an inquiry from a registrant regarding interpretation of the definition of spray adjuvant. In Maine, does the definition of spray adjuvant pertain to “colorants only (i.e. applied with pesticide only to mark the location where a pesticide is applied)?”

In Title 7, Section 604, 31-A, Spray Adjuvant is defined as:

"Spray adjuvant" means any wetting agent, spreading agent, sticker, deposit builder, adhesive, emulsifying agent, deflocculating agent, water modifier or similar agent that is intended to be used with any other pesticide as an aid to the application or the effect of it and that is in a package or container separate from that of the other pesticide.

Staff are seeking the Board’s guidance on the scope and application of the above definition.

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