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**BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL**

**June 6, 2025**

**9:00 AM Board Meeting**

Join the meeting in person in Room 101, Deering Building, 90 Blossom Lane, Augusta  
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**AGENDA**

1. Introductions of Board and Staff
2. Minutes of the April 25, 2025 Board Meeting

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director  
Action Needed: Amend and/or Adopt

3. Legislative Update

Currently, the Maine State Legislature is in the 132<sup>nd</sup> First Special Session, where 7 pesticide-related bills have been published. These bills are LD 356: An Act to Require Notification of Certain Outdoor Pesticide Applications, LD 1132: An Act to Further Protect Low-impact Landscaping, LD 1201: An Act to Protect Maine Agriculture and Farms by Exempting Certain Pesticides from Regulation, LD 1323: An Act to Prohibit the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides and the Use and Sale of Neonicotinoid-treated Seeds, LD 1557: An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Pesticides, and LD 1697: An Act to Increase Penalties to Deter Violations of the Laws

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Regarding Improper Pesticide Use. LD 1982: An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of PFAS. Staff will give an update on the status of these bills.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director  
Action Needed: None; Informational purposes

4. Proposed 2025 Water Quality Assessment

Every year, BPC receives funds from EPA to complete water quality testing in Maine. In previous years, BPC has focused on water quality related to aerial forestry practices, near agriculture and population centers, and drift related to browntail moth applications, among other topics. The board showed interest in pursuing a water quality project in 2025 related to invasive species management programs that have applied for a Chapter 29 variance from buffer requirements. Staff have prepared a proposal for this project.

Presentations By: Julia Vacchiano, Registrar and Water Quality Specialist  
Action Needed: Discuss, Amend and/or Approve/Disapprove

5. Spruce Budworm Program Update

As the spruce budworm early intervention strategy has commenced. Staff will provide an update on the proposed treatment area and other information provided by the Maine Budworm Response Coalition (MRBC).

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director  
Action Needed: None; Informational purposes

6. Tebufenozide and *Bacillus thuringiensis sub. Kurstaki* (BTK): Toxicity & Risk Assessment

BPC toxicologist provides an overview of the two active ingredients being used in the spruce budworm early intervention strategy.

Presentation By: Doug Van Hoewyk, PhD., Pesticide Toxicologist  
Action Needed: None; Informational purposes

7. Other Old and New Business

- a. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, Parterre Ecological, Sea Spray, Biddeford
- b. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, Parterre Ecological, Peaks Island
- c. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, Wilkinson Ecological, Orcutt, Biddeford
- d. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, Wilkinson Ecological, E. Point, Biddeford
- e. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, Wilkinson Ecological, Abenakee Golf Club
- f. EPA Announces Proposed Registration of New Active Ingredient Isocycloseram

g. EPA Releases Strategy to Better Protect Endangered Species from Insecticides Using Commonsense Practices, Provides Flexibilities to States and Growers

8. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next scheduled Board meeting date is July 18, 2025, at the Deering Building, Room 101, Augusta

Future Meetings: August 29, 2025 and October 10, 2025

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

9. Adjourn

## NOTES

- The Board Meeting Agenda and most supporting documents are posted one week before the meeting on the Board website at [www.thinkfirstspraylast.org](http://www.thinkfirstspraylast.org).
- Any person wishing to receive notices and agendas for meetings of the Board, Medical Advisory Committee, or Environmental Risk Advisory Committee must submit a request in writing to the Board's office. Any person with technical expertise who would like to volunteer for service on either committee is invited to submit their resume for future consideration.
- On November 16, 2007, the Board adopted the following policy for submission and distribution of comments and information when conducting routine business (product registration, variances, enforcement actions, etc.):
  - *For regular, non-rulemaking business*, the Board will accept pesticide-related letters, reports, and articles. Reports and articles must be from peer-reviewed journals. E-mail, hard copy, or fax should be sent to the Board's office or [pesticides@maine.gov](mailto:pesticides@maine.gov). In order for the Board to receive this information in time for distribution and consideration at its next meeting, all communications must be received by 8:00 AM, three days prior to the Board meeting date (e.g., if the meeting is on a Friday, the deadline would be Tuesday at 8:00 AM). Any information received after the deadline will be held over for the next meeting.
- During rulemaking, when proposing new or amending old regulations, the Board is subject to the requirements of the APA (Administrative Procedures Act), and comments must be taken according to the rules established by the Legislature.