



IPM-EHC Council of Ontario

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IPM-EHC Council 'IPM Accreditation' Program— MOVING FORWARD

The PIRC and the Integrated Pest Management-Environmental Health Care Council of Ontario (**IPM-EHC Council**) conducts and provides small business employers various processes through educational participation, (i.e., distance education, home study, online, attendance, audits, reports, oral and written examinations) to maintain their company IPM Accreditation status based on study resource packages developed and or recommended by the PIRC and IPM-EHC Council. Materials will vary by sector i.e. Lawn care, Landscape, Structural, Golf Course, and Municipal Parks etc. Training programs are delivered in a variety of methods through PIRC / OIPMA / IPM-EHC Council. PIRC in cooperation with OIPMA formally commenced this process in late 2000. Working closely with the MOE, OIPMA in cooperation with the PIRC mailed out in 2001 approximately 3,000 Manuals that updated Ontario small business applicators and operators regarding Regulation 914, IPM Technology advances, and least risk pesticides based on MOE provided interpretations and introduced continuing education credit (CEC'S). Our IPM Accreditation process confirms OIPMA members' commitment to promote sustainable development and IPM technology set out by Health Canada's **Action Plan on Urban Use Pesticides** published on October 12, 2000.

In our efforts to promote and assist to meet this balanced Action Plan's objectives, the two industry councils each established affiliated IPM councils. PIRC established its affiliated IPM-EHC Council administered by the OIPMA, and PIC created its members affiliated IPM-PHC Council of Ontario administered by Landscape Ontario (LO). In brief, the IPM-EHC Council represents the PIRC membership, whereas the IPM-PHC Council represents the PIC membership. The IPM Accreditation processes established by each industry council's affiliated members are equally credible and both effectively promote the many benefits of IPM plant health care serves the public interest.

While these IPM councils' processes may slightly differ in approach, similarly differences also exist under the MOE approved two industry councils' independently administered Pesticide Technician Program (PTP). Each council has the same laudable IPM goals and objectives and achieves similar or same results as they do under the PTP. The PIRC IPM-EHC Council process requires formal membership in a trade organization, mandatory PTP participation, and a commitment to continuing IPM updating education. In turn, OIPMA in cooperation with PIRC and IPM-EHC Council provides ongoing distance education, open learning online workshops, and direct 'live' toll free study and training support from a recognized aquatic, land and structural professional licensed exterminator. Our affirmative actions and alternative educational processes were recognized benefited all Ontarians by the government and MOE to maintain a publicly affordable vibrant professional small business pest management industry served the public interest. The PIRC and its members affiliated IPM-EHC Council alone provides direct toll free 'live' support.

OIPMA company members must have an accredited PTP examiner and IPM agent registered on the PIRC and IPM-EHC Council databases. This person is responsible to maintain all company employees updated in regulatory, IPM technology advances, and least risk pesticides. This person is responsible to annually submit IPM-EHC Council requested IPM marketing materials, IPM training reports, IPM pesticide usage reports, and must obtain eight (8) continuing education credits (CEC'S) to maintain Company IPM accreditation. The company PTP examiner and IPM agent normally achieves his or her CEC's by participating in OIPMA provided distance education home study, online open learning workshops, or participating in other voluntary IPM re-certification and IPM Technology updating programs with CEC's recorded annually on the PIRC database. OIPMA members may also optionally take an examination. We also accept CEC's taken by our members from their other trade associations. This is in keeping with PIRC and PIC 1996-1997 MOE discussions.

The employer's accredited PTP examiner and IPM agent is responsible to ensure that all company personnel are updated and in compliance with Regulation 914, Pest Control Products Act (PCP Act), Health Canada Action Plan for Urban Pesticides, and promote IPM principles and practices to clients. The company's accredited PTP examiner and IPM shall ensure that those governed by Regulation 914 have been provided employer based pesticide safety, academic, practical, and specific training and updating. In 2006 the PIRC and IPM-EHC Council added formalized IPM updated training for all applicators, (exterminators, technicians, trainees, and company personnel dealing with lawn care issues).

OIPMA in cooperation with the PIRC and IPM-EHC Council is committed to develop training aids and educational self-study, and in-house workshop materials to assist our members in support of our administered PTP and IPM Accreditation Programs, as we continue to fulfill our mandate to protect human health and the natural environment.