



PESTICIDE INDUSTRY REGULATORY COUNCIL (PIRC)

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PIRC / OIPMA EDUCATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MOE

PIRC administered by OIPMA educational agreement with the MOE as understood by all parties was historical published online at the MOE website. Our joint agreement is summed up by the MOE in these words, "**The Ministry of the Environment has a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the two councils to administer licencing and certification for Exterminators and Technicians.**"

PESTICIDE APPLICATORS

The Environmental SWAT Team, along with the district offices, is also involved in a strategic inspection and enforcement initiative within the pesticides sector. To date, they have completed over 70 inspections.

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Background

Working closely with the Pesticide Industry Regulatory Council and the Pesticide Industry Council, the Ministry of the Environment has developed a pesticide applicator enforcement program. This program has been created, in part, because of the widespread existence of uncertified pesticide applicators and of non-compliance with posting requirements under Ontario Regulation 914 of the *Pesticides Act*.

The two councils, representing approximately 11,000 licenced and certified pesticide users, and the Ministry of the Environment were concerned that numerous people were purchasing pesticides from local hardware stores and operating businesses without an operator licence under the *Pesticides Act*, as well as applying these pesticides for lawn care without the necessary landscape exterminator's licence. In addition, companies that did have the proper operator and exterminator licences were using unlicenced assistants to apply the pesticides, assistants who had not been trained and certified by the two councils. The Ministry of the Environment has a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the two councils to administer licencing and certification for Exterminators and Technicians.

Also, the two councils and the ministry were concerned that companies were not posting signs to advise the public of a land extermination and, therefore, not in accordance with Ontario Regulation 914 under the *Pesticides Act*. The signs allow the public to make a decision on what precautions, if any, they want to take when entering a pesticide-treated area.