



PESTICIDE INDUSTRY REGULATORY COUNCIL (PIRC)

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Background of Company IPM Accreditation

Company IPM Accreditation is the verification of a company's updated compliance with Regulation 914, and the principles and practices of Integrated Pest Management IPM and professional development set out and referenced in a signed tripartite Pesticide Technician Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and affiliated MOE Director approved Technician Training Manual. Two industry councils are officially recognized by the MOE as the commercial industry's streamlined representatives, and have work closely in cooperation with the MOE since 1996. They are the Pesticide Industry Regulatory Council (PIRC), administered by OIPMA, and PIC administered by LO. The two industry councils have historically on record supported a voluntary IPM Accreditation program. (Ref: PIRC Archive files February 7, 1997)

In brief, quoting the Pesticide Technician Program (PTP) Training Manual on page 2:

"Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a process where all method of pest control are considered in order to control the pest. It may involve monitoring, educational programs, sanitation, house keeping, biological control or even the use of pesticides. If pesticides are used, only the least toxic and effective are considered. Proper IPM practices will greatly reduce the need for pesticide use."

PTP IPM training is subject to MOE and third party auditing and PTAC review.

The company's accredited PTP examiner and IPM agent registered on the PIRC database as a condition of OIPMA membership is responsible to ensure that the regulatory requirements prescribed in Regulation 914 are known and followed at his or her place of employment. The PIRC database records the name of the company or employer, its designated accredited Examiner and IPM agent, supervising exterminators, trainees and technicians. This information is at all times available and subject to Ministry of the Environment (MOE) third party monitoring and auditing and overviewed by the Ministry's established Pesticides Technician Advisory Committee (PTAC) and subject to the Ministry approved Quality Assurance Program.

The Ministry's tripartite PTP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) named founding single contact and founding members of the Pesticides Advisory Committee (PTAC) are as follows:

- for the PIRC, OIPMA Executive Director, Gary VanderHeide;
- for the PIC is Landscape Ontario Executive Director, Tony DiGiovanni;
- for MOE Standards Development Branch (SDB), Geoff Cutten.

The founding Chair of the Pesticide Technician Advisory Committee (PTAC) established by the Ministry was Doug Morrow of the London MOE Regional Office, than the pesticide lead office for the Province. Pursuant to MOU protocols approved by the MOE, PIRC and PIC are allowed to provide educational membership services included in their affiliated associations' membership fees or alternatively charge a candidate, examiner, or their affiliated council members.

The government to protect a vulnerable small business future IPM resource for the benefit of all Ontarians instituted independent administration and delivery. The MOE promises IPM re-certification independently administered by PIRC and PIC would follow. A fact confirmed by MOE online at its SWAT site in these relevant 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."