



# PESTICIDE INDUSTRY REGULATORY COUNCIL (PIRC)

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## IPM Accreditation In Brief

### IPM Accreditation at a Glance

The Company IPM Accreditation process is firstly based on having a PTP Examiner and IPM Agent registered on the PIRC database. Secondly, it is based on promoting Health Canada's sustainable Action Plan for Urban Pesticides. PIRC and its IPM-EHC Council are promoting credible IPM Accreditation to stakeholders willing to commit themselves to the Pesticide Technician Program (PTP) and IPM principles and practices. The PTP is a training program that MOE and both councils (PIRC and PIC) have recognized will enhance industry professional standards in an affordable, accessible, workable, and accountable manner that promotes pesticide safety for the environment and human health. IPM Accreditation is the promised role of the two industry councils outlined by all parties upon signing the April 28th, 1999 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Each industry council has now also established an affiliated IPM council to meet its IPM and healthy lawns objectives and strategies.

### Purpose for IPM Accreditation

PIRC and the IPM-EHC Council and OIPMA company members actively educate the public to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Environmental Health Care (EHC) principles. In order for a company to obtain IPM Accreditation that company must participate in the Pesticide Technician Program (PTP) and have an Examiner and IPM Agent registered on the PIRC database.

The PIRC membership promotes the Health Canada Action Plan for Urban Use Pesticides to reduce consumer reliance on pesticides through enhanced awareness of:

- Cultural IPM practices that promote optimum ecological environmental health (e.g. plants, water)
- Sustainable pest prevention IPM practices
- Application of pesticides as required and only when necessary
- Promoting least risk pesticide products to clients

### How It Works:

PIRC and the IPM-EHC Council accredit companies that demonstrate a strong ongoing educational commitment to the principles of IPM by employing MOE certified professional accredited through OIPMA membership as an in-house PTP Examiner and IPM Agent on the PIRC database.

IPM industry stakeholders have since 1996 supported ongoing voluntary regulatory and IPM technology updating affordably delivered through an organization of one's choice, e.g. OIPMA, with continuing education credits (CEC's) recorded by their affiliated industry council, e.g. PIRC. (See PIRC Archives)

IPM is an approach that uses all available techniques in an organized process to suppress pest populations in effective, economical and environmentally safe ways used by the professional IPM industry for over two decades.

### Governing Body:

Pesticide Industry Regulatory Council (PIRC) and Integrated Pest Management Environmental Council of Ontario, (IPM-EHC Council of Ontario) administered through the Ontario Integrated Pest Management Association (OIPMA)

PIRC in cooperation with the IPM-EHC Council sets standards for the accreditation procedure and makes decisions on conferring and revoking IPM accreditation privileges. Decisions are based on compliance with Regulation 914, Pest Control Pesticides Act, (PCP Act), Health Canada Action Plan for Urban Use Pesticides, and other regulatory requirements.