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Antimicrobial Pesticide Use

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in response to receiving numerous inquiries relating to **COVID-19** and the use of antimicrobial pesticides with the intent to disinfect, sanitize, reduce and/or mitigate growth and development of micro and/or biological organisms such as bacteria, viruses, health related molds and fungi as well as other microorganisms. The Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries (Department) recognizes the Structural Pest Control Industry as a valuable industry whose expertise and services provide protection through the control and mitigation of organisms that may adversely affect the public.

It is the position of the Department that companies who possess a Structural Pest Control Permit in the sub-category of Industrial, Institutional and Household Pest Control (HPC & HPB) will be allowed to make pesticide applications that include antimicrobial pesticide applications. The Professional Service company with a Commercial Pesticide Applicator possessing certification in the Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health-Related Pest Control category will be allowed to make antimicrobial pesticide applications on, or around structures to include food-handling establishments, human dwellings, institutions such as schools, hospitals, industrial establishments, warehouses, grain elevators and other structures including adjacent areas, public or private. The permitted company may make the applications with general and/or restricted use products in accordance with label requirements and restrictions.

It is also the Department's position that all permitted companies that wish to provide antimicrobial pesticide applications consult with local, state and federal "Public Health" agencies prior to making any applications to ensure safe and effective use of all allowed products and application methods. The Department suggests antimicrobial pesticide applications be made with dedicated tools and equipment to avoid contamination of sites and surfaces with other non-antimicrobial pesticides and/or pesticide residues. All antimicrobial pesticide use will fall under current record keeping requirements for pesticide use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Debrow, Jr.", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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