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The Honorable Judy Aron, Chair
New Hampshire House Environment and Agriculture Committee
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Subject: 2026 House Bill 1053 – “AN ACT establishing a study committee to determine if and how the department of agriculture could receive electronically-submitted pesticide use reports.”

Dear Chair Aron and Members of the Committee:

This correspondence provides information relative to the bill’s subject matter and does not identify a position of opposition or support.

The Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, through its Division of Pesticide Control, currently accepts pesticide use reports that are submitted electronically although most reports are submitted in hard-copy format. In addition, the Department is actively participating with a software vendor to increase and improve electronic business methods, including pesticide activity.

Background:

Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 430:33, I and II, require pesticide use records to be submitted by an applicant for renewal of a pesticide certificate of registration. A certificate of registration is also referred to as a “license” or “permit”.

New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Pes 901.04 establishes the details of pesticide reporting and requires all records pertaining to the use of pesticides to be made available to the Division of Pesticide Control on an annual basis. In addition to other information the report requires identification of the names and amounts of pesticides used. This is a long-standing requirement.

Typically, as part of annual certificate of registration renewal, the Division sends a renewal packet to certificate holders prior to October 1st preceding the up-coming renewal year. The renewal

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packet includes the certificate renewal form, a worksheet to identify recertification credits, and a blank annual pesticide use form. Submittal of the annual use report is required to satisfy the annual certificate renewal. Although almost all annual use reports are submitted in hard-copy form, the Division accepts electronically submitted reports.

Recognizing the potential of efficiency electronic business can offer, the reality of current business practices, and the pressure of increased business interaction as the number of pesticide certificates increase, the Division, through the direction of the Department, is currently working with a software vendor to develop an application platform for electronic pesticide business. This includes applying for a license and renewing a license, the latter including submitting an annual pesticide use report.

With regards to notification of intent to spray, there currently are notification requirements relative to certain pesticide applications. This includes turf notification, notification of spraying in rights-of-way, and aquatic application in public water bodies; and wherever identified through a pesticide-special permit, for example, municipal-wide mosquito treatments.

If you have questions or would appreciate additional information, please contact me at (603) 271-3640 or David.J.Rousseau@agr.nh.gov.

Sincerely,



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