BASIS STATEMENT FOR ADOPTION OF CMR 01-026, CHAPTER 31—CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING PROVISIONS/COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS

Basis Statement

Three amendments to Chapter 20 were proposed by the Board:

- 1. Define "Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" or "PFAS".
- 2. Add a requirement for registrants to submit a confidential statement of formula to register their product with the state of Maine.
- 3. Add two affidavit requirements; one affidavit that asks registrants to disclose if their pesticide product has ever been stored in a fluorinated container and a second affidavit asking registrants to disclose if the formulation of the pesticide product contains any perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Thirteen comments were received. Several people agreed with the Board's definition of PFAS. Other comments included: making affidavits publicly available, including contaminant reporting with the confidential statement of formula, and inquired about expanding the container requirements to all fluorinated containers. The Board responded that affidavits will be publicly available, contamination of pesticides is handled at the federal level, and some members indicated that all fluorinated containers should be considered. Additionally, the Board also had comments about clarifying that affidavits were public and including all fluorinated containers in the rule.

Impact on Small Business

In accordance with 5 MRSA §8052, sub-§5-A, a statement of the impact on small business has been prepared. Information is available upon request from the Maine Board of Pesticides Control office, State House Station #28, Augusta, Maine 04333-0028, telephone 207-287-2731.