

Connecticut's Pesticide Sales and Use Reporting Requirements

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Issue

Describe Connecticut's (1) pesticide sales and use reporting requirements and (2) public database with the reported information.

Summary

Connecticut law requires certified pesticide applicators (private or commercial) and registered pesticide distributors to keep and annually report certain information to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Distributors must keep records on pesticide sales and distribution and make the information available to DEEP upon request. Private applicators must report any "restricted use" pesticide they (or their employee) used on a property they own or rent. Commercial applicators must report amounts of total pesticide usage to DEEP ([CGS § 22a-58](#)).

Private and commercial applicators typically report the information on a form DEEP provides. DEEP then makes the submitted forms available in a publicly accessible online database.

For knowingly violating any provision on pesticide use and reporting, distributors and commercial applicators may be fined up to \$5,000, imprisoned for up to a year, or both, and private applicators may be fined up to \$1,000, imprisoned for up to 30 days, or both. Additionally, anyone who violates any provision on pesticide use and reporting may be assessed a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 per day that the violation continues ([CGS § 22a-63](#)).

Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements

Distributors

Pesticide distributors or sellers must keep all pesticide delivery and transport records that show the quantity, shipping and delivery dates, and involved parties' names. Generally, these records must be available to DEEP upon its request. But a records inspection does not include financial, sales, pricing, personnel, or research data ([CGS § 22a-58\(a\) & \(b\)](#)).

Applicators

Private. Private applicators must keep records of each use of restricted use pesticide. ("Restricted use" pesticides are classified as restricted by the federal Environmental Protection Agency or DEEP because they may cause unreasonable adverse environmental effects. The law does not permit unauthorized people to acquire and use these pesticides ([CGS §§ 22a-47\(cc\) & 22a-50](#)).)

The records must include the (1) applicator's name, (2) kind and amount of pesticide used, (3) application date and location, and (4) crop or site treated and its acreage. Copies of them must be submitted to DEEP upon request and by January 31 for the applications that occurred in the previous calendar year ([CGS § 22a-58\(c\)](#)).

Commercial. Commercial applicators must keep similar records for any use or supervision of use of pesticide. These records must have the (1) commercial supervisor's and the commercial operator's name and certification number, (2) kind and amount of pesticide used, (3) application date and location, (4) pest treated for, and (5) crop or site treated. They must be kept for at least five years after the application date. The records must be available to DEEP upon request and a summary of certain records information must be submitted to DEEP by January 31 for applications that occurred in the previous calendar year ([CGS § 22a-58\(d\)](#)).

Protected Information

By law, when submitting the required records and data to DEEP, an applicator or registrant may (1) mark any portion he or she believes are trade secrets or commercial or financial information and (2) submit marked material separately from other records that are sent in.

Generally, the commissioner must not make public information that she believes is trade secrets or commercial or financial information. If she proposes to release information that was marked as protected, she must notify the applicator or registrant of this in writing. She must also hold off on making it publicly available for at least the next 30 days. During this time, the applicator or

registrant may take court action to determine whether the information qualifies as protected ([CGS § 22a-60](#)).

Database With Pesticide Forms

DEEP provides the forms for (1) [private applicators to report](#) restricted use pesticide use and (2) [commercial applicators to report](#) their pesticide use summary. Generally, these forms include the name and federal product registration number of the pesticide used, and for the private applications, the application date and information about the application site. Applicators must also list personal contact information, including name, mailing address, phone number, and email address.

DEEP makes the applicator forms it receives available on the Connecticut [eLicense web portal](#), which gives the public access to (1) state-issued licenses, registrations, permits, and certificates and (2) certain agency reports. Instructions on how to use the system to find applicator reports is available [here](#), but generally, users specify a date range for the pesticide application reporting forms DEEP received during that time.

The eLicense system can also be used to [search](#) for all Connecticut registered pesticide dealers, applicators, and businesses.

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