

## 2012 Annual WAA Legislative Summary

**Proposed changes to ATCP 29:** Madison 1/24/2012. Proposed changes to Wisconsin's pesticide rule will be discussed at 2 public hearings in February. The hearings are an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the proposed changes. Changes include.

- Applying Pesticides in Natural areas.
- Urban pesticide Misting Systems.
- Electronic Notification of Customer.

Public hearings will be from 1 PM – 3 PM at the following locations.

**Appleton:** Tuesday Feb. 21, Outagamie County UW Extension, 3365 W. Brewster St., Room ABC.

**Madison:** Thursday, Feb. 29, Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2811 Agriculture Dr., Board Room (Room 106), 1<sup>st</sup> floor

For those unable to attend the hearings, written comments will be accepted until March 30.

You can obtain a copy of proposed rule by contacting Mike Murray at 608/224-4551 or [Michael.murray@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Michael.murray@wisconsin.gov). Copies will be available at the hearings or go online to <http://adminrules.wisconsin.gov> and search on ATCP 29 or check the DATCP website at [http://datcp.wi.gov/Plants/Pesticides/ATCP\\_29/index.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Plants/Pesticides/ATCP_29/index.aspx).

**ANSI Z133 STANDARD:** The revised Z133 standard is currently being audited and this will delay the publishing of the revised standard. Publishing should occur in June.

**2012 US Farm Bill:** The US House and Senate are currently accepting recommendations for the 2012 Farm Bill. This bill will directly affect federal, state, and municipal funding for issues for the next 5 years, including Urban Forestry Funding. If you would like to comment on the Bill please contact your Federal Representatives.

**AB 216: Modification of state statute 84.305:** This Assemble Bill proposes changes the wording and permitting process, of the statue regarding vegetation management on Public Right Of Ways within 500 feet of viewing a roadside advertizing sign. Introduced on 8/9/2011. Public Hearings were held September 20<sup>th</sup> 2011. No further action has been taken. For further information can be seen at <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/proposals/ab216>

**EPA August 11, 2011:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an order to E.I. DuPont de Nemours (DuPont) directing the company to immediately halt the sale, use or distribution of Imprelis, an herbicide marketed to control weeds, vines and certain grasses in recreational areas such as golf courses and commercial properties such as sod farms. The order follows EPA's investigation into why a large number of evergreens and other trees have been harmed following the use of the herbicide. Use the following link for more details. <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/cases/civil/fifra/dupontimprelis.html>

**HR 872: The Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011:**

HR 872 passed the House and was introduced in the Senate. Once fully passed and signed into law this bill will protect the public from insect borne diseases, protect our environment from

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harmful invasive species and reduce regulatory burden on businesses, by ending a duplicate permit process for pesticide applications.

### **ANSI A300 Updates: Public reviews now open for Parts 6 + 7:**

Part 6 – Planting and Transplanting

Part 7 – Vegetation Management

Public reviews and other revisions or new ANSI A300 parts may be seen at any time at:

<http://www.tcia.org/standards/CurrentProjectshtm>

**HR 4:** HR 4 passed the House on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 and also passed the Senate on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The bill repeals the 1099 rule (which had been included in the Health Care Bill of last year) requiring businesses to report payments of over \$600 to vendors. The bill is waiting to be signed into law by President Obama.

### **HR 2095: Energy Conservation Through Trees Act**

This bill was introduced by Doris Matsui (D-CA), on June 2, 2011. Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. If passed, this Bill will establish a grant program to assist retail power providers with the establishment and operation of energy conservation programs using targeted residential tree planting. For further information visit <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h112-2095>

Respectfully submitted on 1/24/2012. Larry Axlen