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To: Massachusetts License Pesticide Applicators
From: The Department of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Program
Date: February 11, 2021
Re: Continuing Education Units

The Department recognizes challenges that COVID-19 has posed relative to attending trainings and receiving Continuing Education Units ("CEU"). In response to these challenges many training providers have moved to offering trainings through a computer based/online/virtual platform. Therefore, the Department has adjusted its policy on how these trainings are provided. Additionally, the Department recognizes that it will be difficult for an applicator to meet the Department's policy of allowing only half of ones CEUs to be obtained by this type of training.

The Department has defined trainings as listed below:

- **On Demand Trainings:** Trainings that the applicator can take at any time but does not have any live interaction.
- **Live Stream Trainings:** Live one- time training with live interaction. (virtual meetings, virtual company trainings)
- **Virtual Classroom Trainings:** Multiple individuals in the same room at the same time watching a Live Stream/On Demand Training.
- **Traditional Classroom Training:** Training that is provided in person.

Going forward and until otherwise notified, an individual may obtain all their CEUs in an online/computer based/virtual format however, **no more than half an individuals' credits for any one license/category can be obtained through an On-Demand Training**. The CEUs issued will indicate the type of training it falls under so that the applicator may keep track of the type of trainings they are taking. The Department feels this will allow flexibility to obtain CEUs while also ensuring the participation/attendance of the applicator.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: taryn.lascola@mass.gov.