

■ **FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT (*AERIAL APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION*)**

TERMS: In addition to meeting the certification requirements that apply to other categories of pesticide applicators, as outlined in the previous entry, individuals seeking certification to apply restricted pesticides using an airplane or helicopter are required to demonstrate practical knowledge of pest problems and pest control practices, including (among others) the following:

- (1) Labeling requirements and restrictions specific to application of pesticides from the air.
- (2) How to choose, calibrate and maintain aerial application equipment.
- (3) Weather-related factors to consider before and during aerial application.
- (4) Methods for minimizing off-target pesticide drift.
- (5) Competency in performing aerial applications that avoid drift and assure individual and public safety.

Private applicators who use or supervise the use of restricted pesticides applied by aircraft are subject to very similar certification requirements.

ENFORCEMENT: Any state that has adopted adequate pesticide use laws and regulations, has adequate procedures for their enforcement, and agrees to keep required records and make required reports, may enter into an agreement with the federal government for the enforcement of pesticide use restrictions. Under such an agreement, the state has primary responsibility for enforcing the provisions described above.

All states except Wyoming currently have such authority. For agency information, see the first entry under "*Pesticides & Agricultural Chemicals*" for the state of interest.

In Wyoming and in any other state where the cooperating state agency fails to take appropriate action to assure compliance, the Act is enforced directly by the *Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C. 20460 (703-305-7090)*.