The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be holding an initial stakeholder meeting to obtain input on potential changes to current pesticides regulations Friday, January 18, 2019 at 9:00 AM at the University at Albany Health Sciences Campus, School of Public Health Auditorium located at 1 University Place, Rensselaer, NY 12144. The DEC is considering changes to the entire series of pesticides regulations contained in Parts 320 through 329.

The DEC will facilitate a discussion of potential changes to the regulations, including a brief summary of the revisions to the Federal Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule that was finalized by US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), effective March 6, 2017. All states are required to submit their new revised certification and training plans to EPA by March 6, 2020.

Stakeholders are encouraged to take this first opportunity to hear about the revisions, express views, provide input and to participate in a collaborative effort to develop a comprehensive set of regulations. The DEC will provide three options to attend (all or any portion of) this event. Due to space limitations, building security, and to help us determine if stakeholder groups are represented, pre-registration is required by following one of the options in the “Ways to Register” section below.

Final Schedule:
9:00 AM - Registration
9:15 AM - Overview of Pesticide Regulations
10:00 AM - Certification & Training, Business Registrations & Commercial Permits
1:00 PM - Pesticide Use
2:30 PM - Minimum Risk Pesticides
3:30 PM - Aquatics

Ways to Register:
1) Register using Eventbrite to attend at the University at Albany Health Sciences Campus at 1 University Place, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Visit, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nys-pesticides-regulations-stakeholder-meeting-registration-51728179377. If you are unable to register electronically and would like to attend in person, please call 518-402-8748 to register. NOTE: Organizations are asked to limit attendance to a maximum of 2 representatives. Anyone unable to attend in person may register to attend the meeting by webinar through a secure internet connection.

2) To participate in the meeting remotely, please register with WebEx using the following link. Click on the blue house icon, located in the upper left corner, to register. https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m4031c41b6b4e6bd35baddb8d2b2ff887

3) Participate at a webinar location below with DEC Regional staff. Limited space is available. Please contact the DEC Regional Office directly to register at one of these locations.

Regional Office Webinar Locations:
1) DEC Region 1, 50 Circle Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790
   Contact: Eileen Kosiorowski at 631-444-0340 or R1Pesticides@dec.ny.gov
2) DEC Region 2, 47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101
   Contact: Claudette Ojo at 718-482-4994 or pesticidesr2@dec.ny.gov
3) DEC Region 3, 21 South Putt Corners Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561
   Contact: Cathy Ahlers at 845-256-3097 or catherine.ahlers@dec.ny.gov
4) DEC Region 6, 317 Washington St, Watertown, NY 13601
   Contact: Cameron Bishop at 315-785-2513 or cameron.bishop@dec.ny.gov
5) DEC Region 8, 6274 East Avon-Lima Rd, Avon, NY 14414
   Contact: Mike Burel at 585-226-5424 or michael.burel@dec.ny.gov

Contact us at pestregs@dec.ny.gov or 518-402-8748 if you have any general questions regarding the meeting or the registration process.