SUBJECT: Notice of Termination of Enforcement Discretion for Agricultural Plant (Category 1A) Commercial Pesticide Apprentices to Apply Federally Restricted Use Pesticides During the COVID-19 Emergency Issued on May 26, 2020

DATE: October 16, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the conditions set forth in the enforcement discretion issued on May 26, 2020 to allow Agricultural Plant (Category 1A) commercial pesticide apprentices to apply federally restricted use pesticides during the COVID-19 Emergency, the enforcement discretion could terminate upon written notice from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Since the issuance of the letter, a significant number of apprentices have taken the certification examination, eliminating the need for this enforcement discretion. Therefore, DEC is hereby giving written notice that the enforcement discretion will terminate 30 days from the date of this notice of termination.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Thomas S. Berkman
Deputy Commissioner and
General Counsel