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**Respondent:**

**Merit Service Solutions**  
**100 Sharp Road**  
**Marlton, New Jersey 08053**

**Violations:**

§1224(a)(3) – Engaging in the business of applying a pesticide on the lands of another without having a license granted by the Department.

**Penalty:**

Respondent signed a consent agreement on June 2021. In the agreement, Respondent agrees to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions which included a civil penalty of \$1120.00

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1. Merit Service Solutions, (“Respondent”) is a commercial business with an office located at 100 Sharp Road, Marlton, New Jersey 08053. Respondent had an expired license at the time of inspection (License No. 1837) that was issued by the Delaware Department of Agriculture (“the Department”).
2. Scott Granit is the manager of Merit Service Solutions. Mr. Granit has a certification issued by the Delaware Department of Agriculture, certification number 18-209, category Ornamental and Turf (03).
3. Martin Mulryne is an employee for the Respondent. Mr. Mulryne was not a certified applicator or a registered service employee in Delaware at the time of the inspection.
4. The Pesticide Section of the Department (“Complainant,”) is bringing this enforcement action against Respondent. Emmanuel Sempes (“Sempes”) is employed as an Environmental Scientist I with the Department.
5. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, while on patrol, Sempes noticed the Respondent’s trucks in the parking log of BJ’s Wholesale store located in Newark Delaware. Sempes

used the Salesforce database to look up the Respondents contact information. This is when Sempeles noticed that the Respondents Pesticide Business License was expired. It had expired on 12/31/2018. Sempeles spoke to Mr. Mulryne and asked him what he was applying, he stated that he was applying "Pre-emergent." Sempeles then explained that the Pesticide Business License was expired and the application could not continue until the company attained their license.

In the past 5 years, Respondent has no pesticide compliance violations with the Department.