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Respondent:

**Lawns Plus
200 Southern Blvd
Camden-Wyoming, DE 19934**

Violations:

§1224(a)(10) – Neglecting or, after notice, refusing to comply with the LAW, the Rules adopted under the LAW, or any lawful order.

Penalty:

Respondent signed a consent agreement in June 2025. In the agreement, Respondent agrees to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions which included a civil penalty of \$1050.00.

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1. Lawns Plus, Inc. (“Respondent”) is a commercial pesticide applicator business with an office located at 200 Southern Blvd. Camden-Wyoming, DE 19934. Respondent is licensed (License No. 936) by the Delaware Department of Agriculture (“the Department”).
2. Michael Marasco is the manager for Lawns Plus, Inc. and is a certified commercial applicator in category 7.3.1 (Ornamental and Turf Pest Control).
3. The Pesticide Section of the Department (“Complainant,”) is bringing this enforcement action against Respondent. James Hughes, (“Hughes”), is employed as an Environmental Program Manager I with the Department.
4. On June 13th, 2025, the Department received a complaint phone call from a homeowner. The caller stated that the Respondent was treating the property neighboring hers, when she approached the applicator, she asked if they were certified and what they were applying. The applicator stated that he was applying a herbicide but didn’t know the name of the product. The homeowner also asked to see a label for the pesticide product. The caller stated that the applicator identified

himself as “Phillip”. The applicator was unable to provide a label at the site of application.

5. Hughes drove to 35 N. Fairfield Avenue to observe the applications and interview the applicator. The Respondent was not at this location when Hughes arrived. Hughes then drove to the Respondents office located at 200 Southern Blvd., Camden-Wyoming DE 19934. Upon arrival to this location, Hughes was able to interview the owner, Michael Marasco. Mr. Marasco explained that his company had been applying generic glyphosate at the 35. N. Fairfield Avenue location. Hughes explained that Phillip was not listed as a registered employee on the business license. Mr. Marasco acknowledged this fact and stated that his two applicators Phillip and Tiffany would be registered on Monday June 6th. As of June 30th 2025, these two individuals are still not listed as registered service employees.
6. Section 4.2.2 of the Delaware Pesticides Rules and Regulations states: 4.2.2 Licensees shall register with the Department all employees who handle pesticides Registration shall be made when making an application for a license or within 45 days after employment. The fee for registering an employee shall be \$25. However, the employee registration fee shall be waived if the employee is certified under the Law.
7. Section 14.1.7 of the Delaware Pesticides Rules and Regulations states: 14.1.7 In addition to the above record keeping requirements, the applicator shall have available at the site of application, a copy of the label of the pesticides being used. Upon request, the applicator shall provide any interested person at or adjacent to the application site, with any information contained on the pesticide label.
8. In the past 5 years, Respondent has not had any violations of the Delaware Pesticide Law.