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Respondent:

Chorman Spraying LLC.
5121 Mills Road
Milford, DE 19963

Violations:

§1224(b)(1) – The first offence of §1224(a)(1) Making a pesticide recommendation or use or application inconsistent with the labeling, the EPA or state registration for the pesticide, or in violation of the EPA or state restrictions of the use of that pesticide.

Penalty:

Respondent signed a consent agreement in September 2026. In the agreement, Respondent agrees to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions which included a civil penalty of $1200.00.

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1. Chorman Spraying LLC. ("Respondent") is a commercial pesticide applicator business with an office located at 5121 Mills Road, Milford DE 19963. Respondent has a license (License Number 1467) issued by the Delaware Department of Agriculture ("the Department").

2. Garrett Blessing ("Blessing") is a pesticide applicator for Respondent. Blessing is currently certified by the Department (Certification Number 17-765), as a commercial pesticide applicator in Category 7.1.1, Agricultural Plant Pest Control, 7.5.3 Mosquito Control.

3. Jeff Chorman (Chorman) is the owner/operator for Respondent.

4. The Pesticide Section of the Department ("Complainant") is bringing this enforcement action against the Respondent. Dustin Borntreger ("Borntreger") is employed as an Environmental Scientist III with the Department.

5. On July 17th, 2026, the Department received a phone call from a homeowner located at 16089 Sharps Mill Road, Greenwood DE 19950. This phone call was forwarded to Borntreger; he collected the contact information and location of the complaint and headed to the residence.

6. Upon arrival to the property, Borntreger met with the homeowner. The homeowner explained the events of the day to Borntreger. The homeowner explained that the application began around 12:00 PM. The homeowner went outside to film the application, while outside the plane flew over the house several times. During one of the flyovers, the homeowner felt the spray mist contact his skin, he was not wearing a shirt when this occurred. During the interview Borntreger asked the homeowner to show him where he was standing during the application. Borntreger marked this spot as one of the sample sites. Borntreger also took a photograph from this spot looking at the field. The homeowner showed the videos to Borntreger and Borntreger was able to identify the company responsible for the application.

7. Borntreger began the sampling process. He started by collecting the clothing that the homeowner had hung at the edge of the field, on the fence near the property line. Borntreger explained that during these types of investigations the Department prefers to sample stationary items to establish drift. But he received the clothing and labeled it SN273010. The next sample was a swab sample taken from the flagpole located approximately eight feet from the property line. This was given sample number SN273011. The final sample was one pound of lawn vegetation taken from where the homeowner was filming in the yard, this is where they indicated that they felt the spray contact their body. This was given sample number SN273012.

8. After leaving the property, Borntreger contacted the Respondents office and explained that he was responding to a homeowner drift complaint, and he asked for the application records for the location.

9. On July 20th, 2026, the Respondent sent email with the application records attached. The two products applied were Reveal Endurx (EPA Reg. No. 89168-19-89391) and Trevo P (EPA Reg. No. 89168-42-89391). Blessing was listed as the applicator.

10. The sample analysis for sample numbers SN273011 and SN273012 show the three active ingredients azoxystrobin and propiconazole and bifenthrin. These three active ingredients match the three active ingredients present in the spray mix that was documented on the application records.

11. Reveal Endurx, EPA Registration Number 89168-19-89391, is a pesticide registered for sale and use in the State of Delaware by the Department. The label of Reveal Endurx states, in part:
    a. “Restricted Use Pesticide”
    b. “Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons

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either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application."

12. Trevo P Fungicide EPA Registration Number 89168-42-89391 is a pesticide registered for sale and use in the State of Delaware by the Department.
    a. "Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application."

13. In the past 5 years, Respondent has one violation of **3 DEL.C.**, Chapter 12, and/or the Delaware Pesticide Rules and Regulations. Respondent violated *3 DEL. C* §1224(c) (1) Operating in a faulty, careless or negligent manner in September of 2022.