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Respondent:

JP Chesapeake Management
145 Moon Road
Chesapeake City, MD 21915

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.

§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 August 2026. In the agreement, Respondent agrees to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions which included a civil penalty of $2880.00.

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1. JP Chesapeake Management ("Respondent") is a commercial pesticide applicator business with an office located at 145 Moon Road, Chesapeake City, MD 719715. Respondent holds Lic. No. 2107 that was issued by the Delaware Department of Agriculture ("the Department"). This license is currently expired as of 12/31/2025.

2. Lizbeth Mendoza, is listed as the manager primary contact for the Respondent.

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

4. On April 17th, 2026, Borntreger was patrolling Kent County when he noticed an open bag of Snapshot 2.5TG (EPA Reg. No. 62719-175) sitting unattended in the

common area of Spring Meadow Community located in Smyrna, DE 19977. Inside of the open bag there was a Wawa brand beverage cup in the bag, it appeared to be the application cup or measuring cup. Borntreger also photographed Snapshot granules in some of the flower beds where fresh mulch had been spread. Near the bag was a large pile of mulch, a front-end loader and a pickup truck. No company labels were visible on any of the equipment. From past inspections Borntreger knew that the Respondent had done work in this community. Borntreger called the Respondents office and spoke with a woman on the phone. Borntreger asked her if the company's crew was working in the Spring Meadow Community. She stated that the crew had just left the community for the day. She then gave Borntreger the supervisor/owners phone number. Borntreger called the number and left a voicemail.

5. Borntreger tried to enter the clubhouse for the neighborhood, but it was closed. The sing on the door stated, "For information about Spring Meadow please contact Premier Community management Lynne Farley Ott 302-449-2230." Borntreger called this number and left a voicemail.

6. Sometime later, Mrs. Ott returned Borntreger's phone call. She stated that she thought JP Chesapeake contracts chemical applications to TruGreen but she was not sure about the mulch work. She did believe that JP Chesapeake Management performed the mulch work. She stated she would contact someone from the property board for more details of the work. As of 5/11/2026 Borntreger had not heard back from Mrs. Ott or the board, and he submitted his case file for review.

7. Borntreger contacted Mr. Mike Matejik from TruGreen (Harrington Branch) and asked if they contract pesticide applications for the respondent. Mr. Matejik stated that yes, they make lawn care applications for the respondent, but they do not do granular Snapshot 2.5TG applications for the respondent. Borntreger asked if Mr. Matejik could email this statement to him. Mr. Matejik emailed this statement to Borntreger, and the email was added to the case file.

8. Upon reviewing the Respondents account in the Departments salesforce database, the license is shown to be expired as of 12/31/2025, no certified applicator is attached to the license and there are no registered employees on the license.

9. Snapshot 2.5TG Specialty Herbicide (EPA Reg. No. 62719-175) is a registered pesticide for sale and use in the state of Delaware.

10. The Snapshot 2.5TG labels states: "Keep Out of Reach of Children"

11. In the past 5 years, Respondent has had one civil penalty issued. September of 2023 the Respondent issued a civil penalty for violating 3 *Del. C.* §1224(a)(03).