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Respondent:

John's Landscaping Service
307 Dean Road
Centreville, MD 21617

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

Penalty:

Respondent signed a consent agreement in July 2026. In the agreement, Respondent agrees to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions which included a civil penalty of $1600.00.

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1. John's Landscaping Service, ("Respondent") is a commercial business with an office located at 307 Dean Road, Centreville, Maryland 21617. Respondent has a pesticide business license issued by the Delaware Department of Agriculture ("The Department"). The business license number is 2003.

2. John Lucas Sr. is the owner of John's Landscaping Service. Mr. Lucas is listed as a registered service employee.

3. Alex Ambrocio Cnun is employed by the Respondent. Mr. Cnun was not listed as a registered service employee or certified applicator at the time of the inspection.

4. 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.

5. On May 19th, 2026, Borntreger stopped to inspect the Respondent. Borntreger was working in Kent County when he noticed an applicator making a pesticide application at the Royal Farms located at 11480 S. DuPont Hwy, Felton, DE 19943.

Upon arrival Borntreger presented his credentials and issued a notice of inspection to the respondent. Borntreger then checked the Salesforce database to see if the company working the site had a Pesticide Business License. The database showed that the Respondent did have a Pesticide Business License. The applicator making the application was Alex Ambrocio Cnun. Borntreger checked the salesforce database to see if Mr. Cnun was listed as a registered service employee. Mr. Cnun was not listed as a registered service employee. Borntreger confirmed with Mr. Lucas that Mr. Cnun had been there longer than 45 days. The product being applied at the site was Resolute 4FL (EPA Reg. No. 100-1139). Borntreger then photographed the service vehicle, which did not have the DDA license number or name of company displayed.

6. Resolute 4FL, EPA Reg. No. 100-1139 is a pesticide registered for sale and use in Delaware.

7. Borntreger also documented that the service vehicle did not have the DDA business license number displayed.

8. 601 Delaware Pesticide Rules and Regulations Section 5.5 - All pest control business license numbers shall appear on all service vehicles used by holders of a commercial pesticide applicators license with the exception of categories in these subsections of this regulation: 7.1.1 Agriculture Plant Pest Control; 7.1.2 Agriculture Animal Pest Control; 7.2 Forest Pest Control; 7.4 Seed Treatment; 7.5 Aquatic Pest Control; 7.8 Public Health Pest Control; 7.9 Regulatory Pest Control; 7.10 Demonstration and Research Pest Control. The license number shall be in bold readable numbers not less than 2 inches or more than 6 inches high. The full name of the business licensee shall be displayed on the vehicle.

9. 601 Delaware Pesticide Rules and Regulations Section 4.2.1 – 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 $25.00. However, the employee registration fee shall be waived if the employee is certified under the law.

10. 601 Delaware Pesticide Rules and Regulations Section 4.2.2 – Licensees shall be responsible for ensuring that all employees handling pesticides (other than a certified applicator) have successfully completed a training program approved by the Department. This training shall be completed within 45 days.

11. David Garrison is the only certified applicator listed on the Salesforce database. His certification number is 22-172, expiration date 12/31/2026.

In the past 5 years, Respondent has had two pesticide compliance violations with the Department. The Respondent was cited for *3 DEL. C* §1224(a) (3) Engaging in the Business of Applying a Pesticide on the Lands of Another without having a license

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granted by the Department in 2022 and *3 DEL. C* §1224(a) (10) Neglecting, or after notice, refusing to comply with the LAW, the rules adopted under the LAW, or any lawful order of the Department in 2024.