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November 21, 2025

9:00 AM Board Meeting

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AGENDA

- 1. Introductions of Board and Staff
- 2. Minutes of October 3, 2025, Board Meeting

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director Action Needed: Amend and/or Adopt

3. <u>LD 356: Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Prohibit the Use of Rodenticides in Outdoor Residential Settings</u>

Continued discussion of LD 356 and preliminary report elements due to the ACF committee on January 15, 2026. Overview of Anticoagulant Rodenticides Scientific Review produced by Eastern Research Group, Inc. for the Massachusetts Dept. of Agricultural Resources.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director Action Needed: None, Discussion

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4. <u>LD 1323: An Act to Prohibit the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides and the Use and Sale of Neonicotinoid-treated Seeds</u>

Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Evaluate the Impact of Neonicotinoids on Pollinators, Humans, and the Environment. Update on current activities conducted by staff to satisfy this legislative directive and elements of the preliminary report due to the ACF committee on January 15, 2026.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director Action Needed: None; Discussion

5. Draft Policy regarding elements of Continuing Education Credit Classes

Staff have received an increased number of requests for online/video continuing education credits. This draft policy establishes the criteria required for approving online and video credit classes to ensure heightened transparency in approval and denial processes.

Presentation By: Amanda Couture, Manager of Pesticide Programs

Action Needed: Discussion, Amend/Adopt

6. Pesticide Container Disposal Concerns

Recently, inspection staff have been alerted to the improper disposal of pesticide containers, including the burying and burning of containers. Staff are considering options to prevent this activity in the future, including potential rulemaking.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director Action Needed: None, Discussion

7. Other Old and New Business

- a. Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29, Wilkinson Ecological Design Inc., Lanes Island Way, Freeport, ME.
- b. Update on the 2025 Water Quality Assessment: Tracking Herbicide Impacts from Invasive Plant Species Control
- c. Town of Falmouth Municipal Pesticide & Fertilizer Ordinance

8. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next scheduled Board meeting date is December 19, 2025, at the Deering Building, Room 101, Augusta

Future Meetings: January 14, 2025 (ATS), February 27, 2026 or March 6, 2026

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

9. Adjourn

NOTES

- The Board Meeting Agenda and most supporting documents are posted one week before the meeting on the Board website at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org.
- Any person wishing to receive notices and agendas for meetings of the Board, Medical Advisory Committee, or Environmental Risk Advisory Committee must submit a request in writing to the <u>Board's office</u>. Any person with technical expertise who would like to volunteer for service on either committee is invited to submit their resume for future consideration.
- On November 16, 2007, the Board adopted the following policy for submission and distribution of comments and information when conducting routine business (product registration, variances, enforcement actions, etc.):
 - For regular, non-rulemaking business, the Board will accept pesticide-related letters, reports, and articles. Reports and articles must be from peer-reviewed journals. E-mail, hard copy, or fax should be sent to the <u>Board's office</u> or <u>pesticides@maine.gov</u>. In order for the Board to receive this information in time for distribution and consideration at its next meeting, all communications must be received by 8:00 AM, three days prior to the Board <u>meeting date</u> (e.g., if the meeting is on a Friday, the deadline would be Tuesday at 8:00 AM). Any information received after the deadline will be held over for the next meeting.
- During rulemaking, when proposing new or amending old regulations, the Board is subject to the requirements of the APA (<u>Administrative Procedures Act</u>), and comments must be taken according to the rules established by the Legislature.