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To: Dealers and Producers
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Be Aware of Changes Related to PARAQUAT

Certified applicators (individuals with a valid NCDA pesticide license) must successfully **complete an EPA-approved training program** before mixing, loading, and/or applying paraquat **Coming Later This Growing Season.**

Companies that produce **paraquat-containing pesticides** (trade names: Gramoxone, Parazone, Firestorm, and Helmquist) are required to have newly labeled product in the market by this **fall**. The **NEW label** will specify that the applicator, mixer, and handler of these products be a **certified applicator (NCDA license holder) and have completed a paraquat-specific training program.**

- Growers that currently have a supply of paraquat that **DO NOT** have the **new labeling** **ARE NOT** required to complete the training.
- Once Growers have products with **New Labeling** they will be required to complete the online training. Label changes will emphasize paraquat toxicity and supplemental warning materials

The Paraquat training is currently available online at www.usparaquattraining.com. Applicators will need to register on the site, watch a 30-minute video presentation, and complete a quiz (final assessment). A certification of completion is awarded with a 100% quiz score (unlimited re-attempts allowed). **PRINT the CERTIFICATE.** The training provides important information about paraquat's toxicity, new label requirements and restrictions, and the consequences of misuse.

Paraquat-specific training is required once every 3 years.

Only certified applicators who have completed the paraquat training can mix, load, handle and apply paraquat-containing products---not someone working under their supervision.

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