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EPA Grant of More Than \$277,000 Will Aid Arkansas State Plant Board Pesticide Program

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DALLAS – (Nov. 3, 2016) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently awarded the Arkansas State Plant Board (ASPB) \$277,359 for implementing pesticide programs. The ASPB, part of the Arkansas Agriculture Department, has authority from EPA to regulate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

These funds are part of a cooperative agreement between EPA and the state of Arkansas to support ASPB in continuing to administer an effective pesticide program. The funds will go toward regulatory and enforcement programs as well as applicator certification and training, worker protection, pesticides in water, endangered species and the container/containment rule.

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act regulates the registration, distribution, sale and use of pesticides. The law covers all kinds of pesticides, including herbicides, antimicrobials and devices. All pesticides must be registered with EPA and used or applied only according to labelled instructions. Farms or companies applying pesticides must also comply with the Worker Protection Standards program to protect agricultural workers from the effects of pesticide exposure.

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