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Dear Mr. Oakey,

We appreciate the state bringing back the 10-mph wind speed restriction since there was no good reason for the Ag Department and aerial applicators to take it upon themselves to justify eliminating it.

Comments concerning proposed rule changes:

- 1) Aerial Applicators should want to keep strict laws and rules since they have a higher risk of pesticide exposure to humans and are under the watchful eye of the public due to their past careless negligence and warnings. Why is the Idaho Department of Agriculture buying into this reduction of public safety rules? It appears FAA only has jurisdiction of pesticides if there is a crash involving a spill. FAA doesn't seem real interested in supporting the Ag Department on these reductions of safety and are staying away from these rules. Redundant rules are fine if there is added protection for our people and land. Please don't pawn this off to a federal agency who can't keep up on their own workload with limited staff. Have they even answered the meeting questions?
- 2) This Apprentice License addition is just a dumb terrible idea and an accident waiting to happen. My mother's property and dogs were sprayed with a pesticide a few years ago from a tree sprayer spraying big trees next door. When the report was written up by the Idaho Agriculture Department guy, it showed the sprayer had a license for many years and was supposed to be experienced. The sprayer swore it was legal for him to drift his spray on my mom's property because it was doing a community service to control bugs and he had a license. He wouldn't

even tell her what the stuff he sprayed was and acted like a bully to her. It cost the arrogant guys \$4,500 from my mom's lawyer. This was a "so-called" experienced licensed guy. Now

we are going to have brand new inexperienced, phone-trained people spraying big trees and lawns with pesticides and herbicides in our communities, even in parks and next to schools? And now I see they could have it for up to 3 years? If the new pesticide broadcaster has a problem and can't get hold of his boss by the allowed phone call, what does he do? What if the boss is out working and can't hear the phone and gallons of that pesticide is running into the street gutter? Will a brand-new inexperienced employee know what to do? I just read what some Pestcom pest company owner just wrote in comments, whining about the tests being too difficult for his workers and the 10-mph wind restriction. Seriously, you want the tests and

restrictions easier to more fit your own selfish needs. Maybe it's your poor training and not the tests. And we aren't going to be like California as you seem to want. I won't call your company since you are just like the know-it-all tree sprayer above. You hurt your industry with your me, me, me sniveling, whiny attitude.

Thank you,
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