

PESTICIDES

**Some of the regulatory summaries referenced from U.S. Northern Review publication.

STATE

FINAL:

HB 211 (SB 198) POLLINATOR PROTECTION ACT OF 2016 HB 211 (Public Act: 662) establishes specified restrictions, effective 1 JAN 18, on the sale and use of neonicotinoid pesticides. The new law requires the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) to take specified actions on completion of the USEPA pollinator risk assessment of four neonicotinoid pesticides. MDA must incorporate specified practices into the state's managed pollinator protection plan. In accordance with Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, the bill became law without the governor's signature, effective on 1 OCT 16.

SB 112 REPEAL OF PEST CONTROL COMPACT SB 112 (Public Law: 21) repeals provisions establishing and governing a pest control compact among states. The bill also repeals provisions related to the Pest Control Insurance Fund and advisory and technical committees under the compact. The bill was enacted without the governor's signature and became effective on 1 JUL 16.

FEDERAL

FINAL:

METHYL BROMIDE: CORRECTIONS TO CRITICAL USE EXEMPTIONS RULE USEPA issued a final rule correcting a previously issued (15 OCT 15) [final rule \(81 FR 14393\)](#). The October 2015 final rule issued [methyl bromide](#) critical use allowances for 2016 and made non-substantive corrections to quarantine and pre-shipment recordkeeping and reporting requirements. This final rule restores provisions that were inadvertently removed from the October 2015 rulemaking.

PROPOSED:

IMIDACLOPRID: DRAFT POLLINATOR ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT USEPA announced the availability of its draft pollinator-only ecological risk assessment for the registration review of the neonicotinoid pesticide imidacloprid ([81 FR 2212](#)).

PESTICIDE GENERAL PERMIT All 10 USEPA regions have proposed the draft 2016 NPDES Pesticide General Permit (PGP) ([81 FR 4289](#)). The draft PGP covers point source discharges from the application of pesticides to waters of the United States. Once finalized, the draft 2016 PGP will replace the existing permit that expires 31 OCT 2016. The draft has the same conditions and requirements as the 2011 PGP. USEPA has proposed to issue the permit in all areas of the country where USEPA has the permitting authority.