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*Happy Holidays from the staff of the
Office of Safety and Risk Management*

Best Wishes, Bob Warrick



We would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bob Warrick, Director of Facilities at the Port Byron Central School District, who recently retired after a successful career at the District. Bob was honored at the December meeting of the Mid-state Chapter of the NYS School Facilities Association.

Bob's vast knowledge of facilities, systems and grounds maintenance will certainly be missed. Best wishes to Bob and his wife Bonnie for many healthy and prosperous years in retirement.



2015 Fire Inspections

The time tables for the 2015 State Education Department Fire Inspections are as follows:

Wayne, Ontario and Yates Counties

Schools located in Wayne, Ontario and Yates Counties are on a different cycle. Their inspections may begin on **January 15, 2015** and end by **February 28, 2015**. State Education reports are due on or before **March 1, 2015**.

Cayuga & Onondaga Counties

Inspections may begin on **February 15, 2015** and end by **March 30, 2015**. The fire inspection reports must be received at the State Education Department on or before **April 1, 2015**.

Contact the BOCES Office of Safety and Risk Management to schedule your district's Fire Inspections.



PESTICIDE ANNUAL REPORTS

Pesticide Application Annual Reports must be submitted to DEC by February 1, 2015. For each pesticide application during 2014 you must report:

EPA Registration Number - Enter the EPA registration number as it appears on the product label.

Product Name - Enter the registered product name, not the active ingredients.

Quantity Used - Enter the amount of pesticide used out of the manufacturer's container with the EPA registration number on it.

Units - Enter the unit of measure applicable to the quantity used. Use only the abbreviations listed on the DEC reporting form.

Date Applied - Enter the date of the pesticide application in this format: 0101 = January 1st, 1114 = November 14th.

County Code - Enter the county where the pesticide was applied. (Use the county codes from the table on the form).

Address - Enter the street address where the pesticide was applied.

Municipality - Enter the village, city, etc., where the pesticide was applied.

Zip Code - Enter the five-digit zip code where the pesticide was applied.

Reporting Responsibilities - Properly completed, the Commercial Applicator/ Technician Pesticide Use Annual Report Form 44-15-26 provides all the information required by the Pesticide Reporting Law for reporting purposes. The report form can be downloaded from the DEC website at:

www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/form26.pdf

THE BURDEN OF REPORTING IS PLACED ON THE FULLY CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATORS AND TECHNICIANS, NOT ON REGISTERED PESTICIDE BUSINESSES.

Fully certified commercial applicators are responsible for reporting all pesticide applications made by non-certified applicators who work for them or under their supervision.

EVERY FULLY CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR AND TECHNICIAN MUST SUBMIT A REPORT EVEN IF NO APPLICATIONS WERE MADE.

Mail completed forms to:
Pesticide Reporting Section
NYSDEC, P.O. Box 10699, Albany, NY 12201-5699

The DEC suggests using certified mail for reports submitted by mail.

Recordkeeping Responsibilities - All required records must be available for inspection upon request by authorized DEC staff within a reasonable time and must be sufficient to identify the exact location of the application and the individual responsible for making the application.

Any Questions??

If you have any questions, contact DEC's Pesticide Reporting Section by email at prl@gw.dec.state.ny.us or by telephone at (518) 457-0110 or (888) 457-0110.

You may also call your regional DEC office or the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office for assistance.

Pesticide Notification May Be Required

School Districts that have applied pesticides [other than exempt applications described in Education Law §409-h(2)(e)] since the beginning of the school year, have an obligation to provide written notification to all staff and persons in parental relation within two days of the end of winter recess. The notification must include the date, location and product used for each application which required prior notification and for each emergency application made since the last notification (beginning of school year). The notification must also include a statement that schools are required to maintain a list of parents and staff members who wish to receive 48 hour prior written notification of pesticide applications, instructions on how to register to be included on the notification list, and the name and phone number of the school's pesticide representative. The SED sample form for notification follows this article.

PLEASE NOTE: IF NO APPLICATIONS (OTHER THAN PRODUCTS LISTED AS EXEMPT FROM PRE-NOTIFICATION) HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE WINTER RECESS NOTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

Please contact your BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office with any questions related to Pesticide Notification.

**Sample follow-up notification to persons in parental relation and staff pursuant to
Section 409-h of the State Education Law ***

December 2014

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The following pesticide applications took place in the _____ School from September 2, 2014 to December 19, 2014:

Date of Application	Location of Application	Product Used
1)		
2)		
3)		

As a reminder, the _____ School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40 CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you have not yet registered to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to (insert name) the _____ School District pesticide representative at: (insert address, telephone, e-mail address, and FAX).

_____ School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification (please print)

Name: _____ School Building Address: _____
Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Please feel free to contact (insert name) the _____ School District pesticide representative at: (insert address, telephone, e-mail address, and FAX) for further information on these requirements, including information on the products that have been applied in this school.

Schneider Electric Recalls PowerPact J-Frame Circuit Breakers Due to Fire, Burn, Electrical Shock Hazards

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named, has announced a voluntary recall of the following product. Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product: Schneider PowerPact J-frame molded case lug-style breaker

Units: About 62,500

Hazard: The circuit breaker will not trip during an overload condition, posing a risk of fire, burns and electrical shock.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall involves PowerPact J-frame molded case circuit breakers with thermal-magnetic trip units. The circuit breakers are made of black plastic and have a three-position breaker handle that indicates whether the breaker is off, on or tripped. The recalled circuit breakers are rated for 150 to 250 amps, have interruption ratings of D, G, J, L and R. They were manufactured in two pole and three pole configurations with either lug-in/lug-out or plug-in (I-Line) style connectors.

Brand name "Schneider Electric" or "Square D" is on a yellow sticker above the breaker handle and on the top of a label on the side of the circuit breaker. A label on the front of the circuit breaker to the left of the breaker handle has the catalog number at the top. The number also appears on a label on the side of the breaker. Schneider Electric catalog numbers begin with "NJ" and Square D catalog numbers begin with "J."

A label on the front of the circuit breaker to the right of the breaker handle has the date code in the lower right corner. Recalled circuit breakers were manufactured from March 24, 2014 through September 26, 2014 and have date codes 14131 through 14395. The date codes are in the YYWWD format (example: 14131 = year 2014, week 13, day of the work week 1/ Monday).



Breakers with following catalog numbers are being recalled:

Catalog Number	Breaker Type
(N)JDX26XXX	2 Pole
(N)JGX26XXX	2 Pole
(N)JJX26XXX	2 Pole
(N)JLX26XXX	2 Pole
(N)JDX36XXX	3 Pole
(N)JGX36XXX	3 Pole
(N)JJX36XXX	3 Pole
(N)JLX36XXX	3 Pole
(N)JRX36XXX	3 Pole

Sold at: Authorized Schneider Electric distributors, original equipment manufacturers and in factory assembled panel boards from March 2014 through September 2014 for between \$2,900 and \$11,200.

Manufactured in: USA and Mexico

Manufacturer: Schneider Electric USA Inc., of Columbia, Mo., and Tlaxcala, Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled circuit breakers and contact Schneider Electric for either a free replacement circuit breaker and a credit of up to \$300 per address to cover labor costs for installation by a certified electrician or a handle update kit and a credit of up to \$150 per address to cover labor costs for installation by a certified electrician.

Consumer Contact: Schneider Electric USA at (800) 634-8730 any time or online at www.schneider-electric.com and click on Customer Notifications for more information.

COMPLIANCE DEADLINES



FEBRUARY 1, 2015
Pesticide Applicator Annual Reports to DEC

FEBRUARY 1, 2015
NYS Department of Labor 2014 Injury and Illness Summary must be posted

MARCH 1, 2015
EPA Tier II Reports Filed



January Health Observances

January 1 - 31
National Radon Action Month
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