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Dear IPCA Members:

As you may be aware, despite our efforts working with the Department and the General Assembly staff to pass a one year extension, the Structural Pest Control Act expired December 31, 2007.

Currently no Illinois regulations exist governing structural pest control companies, technicians or the availability or use of general and restricted use pesticides in Illinois. No law currently prohibits companies or individuals who are not trained in pest control from selling those services.

According to the Department, they have stopped all pest control inspections, cancelled the January 10, 2008 structural pest control operator exam, are not approving any future recertification seminars, etc.

The IPCA Board takes this issue very seriously, and we are working diligently to rectify the situation. We have hired a reputable lobbyist, are working through proper legislative channels, and have had regular contact with the Department and the USEPA on the public health and safety issues this situation presents. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to get the Act reinstated as soon as possible.

A key provision of our IPCA Mission Statement says "promoting the highest level of integrity and professionalism in order to protect the health and property of the community." In that vein, I ask that all IPCA members continue to practice as if the Act were in place. Please continue to follow all regulations regarding supervision, paperwork, monitoring, safety, etc. Manufacturers and distributor members, please continue to make pesticides available only to those who would be certified to purchase them from you as if the Act were in place.

Again, we hope to have the Act reinstated as soon as possible. We will continue to keep you up to date with changes as they progress.

Feel free to contact Suzanne Baase at the IPCA office, or me at (309) 275-0213, with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
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President, IPCA