



TO: All Alabama Roadside Vegetation Managing Agencies

Dear Friends:

The Alabama Vegetation Management Society will hold its 2012 annual meeting on February 28 & 29 at the Bryant Conference Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Alabama Vegetation Management Society is a valuable resource and its annual meeting a useful tool to insure that ALDOT, county, city, utility, and other interested maintenance personnel have the most current information available in order to manage Alabama's roadsides and utility rights-of-way in the safest and most cost-effective manner possible. Furthermore, professional development points applied toward obtaining re-certification as a herbicide applicator are awarded for attending this meeting.

Any person involved with the application of herbicides on rights-of-way within Alabama should be permitted through the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries as a Commercial Pesticide Applicator. Therefore, in conjunction with our annual meeting, and in an effort to better serve the community of interest, the Society will be sponsoring a training class designed to prepare participants for Commercial Pesticide Applicator Permit examinations (in particular the ROW - right-of-way pest control & GRND - ground applicator categories). The classroom training will begin at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 28 and again at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 29. Department of Agriculture & Industries representatives will be present Wednesday afternoon, February 29, to administer the examinations.

All interested individuals are invited. There is no cost for the training class per say; however, early registration for the annual meeting is \$75.00 and the Department of Agriculture & Industries will require an examination fee of

\$75.00 for each of the two categories of certification. Interested classroom participants should send in a check of \$225.00 (meeting registration and examination fees) along with registration form for the annual meeting and the Society will forward the examination fees to the Department of Agriculture & Industries. Classroom seating is limited to the first 50 responses so interested participants are encouraged to get their registration in by February 11, 2012.

Study materials (Alabama Cooperative Extension System Publication ANR-556) will be mailed out to participants upon receipt of registration and examination fees.

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TO CLASS ATTENDANCE**

For your convenience, agendas for the annual meeting and the classroom training as well as registration forms can be found at www.avmsonline.org. For more information regarding the training class, contact Howard Peavey at (334) 242-6282.

Sincerely,

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