



**ALABAMA VEGETATION  
MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, Inc.**

TO: All Alabama Roadside Vegetation Managing Agencies

Dear Friends:

The Alabama Vegetation Management Society will hold its 2018 annual meeting on February 27 & 28 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 ensure 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 commercial 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 8:15 AM on Tuesday, February 27 and again at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 28. Department of Agriculture & Industries representatives will be present Wednesday afternoon, February 28, 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 \$90.00 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 \$240.00 (meeting registration plus

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 35 responses so interested participants are encouraged to get their registration in by February 9, 2018.

Alabama Cooperative Extension System Publication ANR-1390 can be downloaded (free) or Publication ANR-556 can be purchased at:

<https://store.aces.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13927&SeriesCode=&CategoryID=172&Keyword=>

**The study of one of these publications prior to class attendance is critical to examination success.**

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

Sincerely,

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