

PESTICIDES DATA MODERNIZATION ACT – SUMMARY

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The Pesticides Data Modernization Act establishes an online pesticides sales and use database to provide researchers, government agencies, and the public with information necessary to protect public health and the environment. The Act authorizes the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) to upgrade its existing systems to achieve standards set by leading states, such as New York. It directs DEEP to use the database to make information that DEEP already collects available to the public. In addition, the Act closes an important reporting gap by collecting pesticide-treated seed sales data.

(1) Online pesticides sales and use database:

- Directs DEEP to develop a searchable, online pesticides sales and use database, consistent with recommendations made by the Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality and with DEEP’s 20BY26 objectives.
- Uses the database to report pesticides sales and use data that pesticide dealers, commercial applicators, and private applicators already collect or submit to DEEP.
- Requires that researchers, government agencies, and the public have access to the database, supporting public health initiatives and environmental protection.
- Saves costs by authorizing DEEP to upgrade existing systems, such as the Connecticut eLicense Website, rather than establish a new database.

(2) Pesticide-treated seed data:

- Requires seed handlers, distributors, and dealers to submit pesticide-treated seed sales data to the Department of Agriculture and to DEEP.
- Includes pesticide-treated seed sales information in the online database.