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NEW YORK ANNOUNCES SUSPENSION AND STOP SALE/USE OF PESTICIDE PRODUCTS

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Pete Grannis announced that DEC has suspended the New York State registration of four pesticide products manufactured by the Scotts Company. Any unregistered product may not be sold, offered for sale, distributed, or used in New York State.

The Department's action immediately followed the United States Environmental Protection Agency's issuance of a national-level "stop sale, use or removal" order against Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and three affiliates for illegal, unregistered, and misbranded products. The products are: SLS Halts Pro 22-0-8 Plus .28% Halts Pro (EPA Reg. No. 538-304), SLS Halts Pro 14-2-5 Plus .28% Halts Pro (EPA Reg. No. 538-304), SLS Halts Pro 0-0-7 Plus .28% Halts Pro (EPA Reg. No. 538-304) and Shake 'N Feed All Purpose Plant Food Plus Weed Preventer (EPA Reg. No. 62355-4).

USEPA recommends that if you think you have any of these unregistered products, please look at the invalid EPA number on the label. If you see the numbers 62355-4 or 538-304, you have an unregistered pesticide. USEPA advises to store the product in a cool, dry place, such as a garage or utility shed, and to contact Scotts or your retail outlet. Do not dispose of them down the drain, in the garbage or at a community disposal site.

For more information, visit USEPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/ptb/news/>. Consumers with questions about the stop sale may call USEPA toll free at 1-888-838-1304 to speak with a pesticides specialist. The National Pesticide Information Center has a hotline at 1-800-858-7378. If your questions can not be answered on those lines, contact the DEC Bureau of Pesticides Management at 518-402-8768.

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