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### **DEC fines company for unlawful pesticide distribution**

*Company settles with state for \$11,500*

**Dec. 12, 2005--**The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) cited Bonide Products, Inc. (Bonide), a pesticide manufacturer, for violations related to the unlawful distribution and sale of unregistered pesticides in Alaska. Bonide Products agreed to settle with the state for \$11,500.

During a marketplace inspection on April 5, 2005, DEC inspectors found the company was marketing 23 unregistered pesticides. Bonide subsequently registered seven of the products, and pulled the remaining 16 products off the shelf.

Alaska regulation 18 AAC 90 states, it is unlawful to “formulate, distribute, sell, or offer for sale” an “unregistered, misbranded, or adulterated pesticide or device.” Pesticide registration is an important tool for environmental protection, enabling state regulators to respond with current, accurate information regarding the proper handling and disposal of chemicals.

According to DEC’s Environmental Health Division Director Kristin Ryan, “Making sure pesticides are used safely in Alaska is something DEC takes seriously. Our pesticide registration process is an important part of accomplishing that.” The Bonide penalty is the largest levied for a pesticide violation in Alaska.

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