

Association of Structural Pest Control Officials

If You're Not at the Table, You're on the Menu





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Sunset Review

- Colorado General Assembly sets specific dates that a particular agency, board, or function of government will terminate unless the legislature passes new legislation to continue.
- In Colorado, a sunset review will generally question the need for regulation to protect the public.
- If regulation is determined to be needed, the sunset review will look for the least restrictive level of regulation consistent with the public interest.



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Building Relationships

- Pesticide Advisory Committee
 - 15 members
 - Regulated community (Ag, Turf, Structural)
 - Organic, beekeepers, general public, CSU, CDPHE
- Program staff regularly engaged stakeholders
 - Association meetings
 - Industry legislative liaisons
 - Legislature education – outreach





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Colorado Applicator Coalition



Mission Statement: To protect and preserve the responsible application of pesticides for the greater good of Coloradans, their health, and their basic needs.



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How many roads...

- 2006 – Sunset - Reenacted for 9 years
- 2015 – Sunset - Reenacted for 8 years, DORA recommended 9 years
- 2021 - Preemption – Neonicotinoid legislation
- 2022 – Preemption – Neonicotinoid legislation
- 2023 – Sunset Reenacted for 9 years - Neonicotinoid





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2021 - 2022

- 2021 – Covid ended the legislative session early
- 2022 – 11 hours of testimony to defeat the bill



**YOU MAY HAVE TO FIGHT
A BATTLE MORE THAN
ONCE TO WIN IT.**

- MARGARET THATCHER



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2023 Sunset Review

- 2023 – PAA reenacted for 9 years
 - Industry survey results
 - 96% favorable – Service provided by the program
 - 96% favorable – Program’s communication and usefulness
 - 97% favorable – Program listened to customer concerns
 - 96% favorable – Timeliness of response to concerns
 - 97% favorable – Helpfulness of the program resolving issues
 - 99% favorable – Professionalism of the program staff
 - 98% favorable – Accuracy of information provided



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2023 Sunset Legislation

- 2023 – PAA reenacted for 9 years
 - Preemption
 - Didn't have the votes in the House Ag Committee
 - Introduced in the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee hearing on Environmental Standards for Appliances
 - "I'm trying to figure out how adopting regulations limiting the use of pesticides fits under the environmental standards for certain products, what's the product change?"
 - Bill sponsor, "this title is certain "products" and pesticides are certainly a product."





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2023 Legislative Session

- 2023 – Pesticide Act legislation
 - Neonicotinoids – designated as a limited-use pesticide
 - Dealer license required to sell, no licensure, no records, exemptions for certain products





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2024 Legislation Outcome...???





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Thank you!

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