

North Carolina Structural Pest Control Committee



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Dear Dr. Byrd:

On February 27, 2014, the Structural Pest Control (SPC) Division presented to the Committee concerns of the NC Mosquito Vector Control Association regarding control of mosquitoes as it relates to private structures. The NC SPC Law defines SPC which includes, but not limited to, the identification of infestations or infections, and making of inspections. It mandates that a SPC license is required to control pests associated with structures. It also exempts any person (or the person's full-time regular employees) doing structural pest control on the person's own property. Thus, if you are an employee of a NC governmental agency (e.g., county, town, or other recognized municipality) and are performing structural pest control in/around structures that belong to your agency, you do not need a structural license.

On August 21, 1991, this Committee responded to a request for advice on whether a structural pest control license is required for pest control work performed on private property for public health purposes by county health departments. In a letter dated August 26, 1991, the Committee provided the following response:

"It was the opinion of the Committee that when pest control work is performed for public health reasons on private property by government agencies, no structural pest control license is required.

It should be noted that this interpretation is limited to pest control for public health purposes. If a government agency were to provide pest control services, with or without a fee, simply as a service, without a public health purpose, a structural pest control license would be required.

It should also be noted that that application of pesticides to the property of another person requires a pesticide applicator license from the Pesticide Section, North Carolina Department of Agriculture."

This letter confirms that, during its February 27 meeting, the Committee determined that continuing this policy is in the best interest of public welfare, and unanimously reaffirmed its August 21, 1991 Policy statement.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely

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Chairman

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