

Regulatory and Policy Update

Integrated Pest Management Program

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Overview

- IPM Program
- IPM policy and support
- IPM Regulation updates
- Certification and training improvements
- Messages from IPM Authorizations

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IPM Program (IPMP) includes Policy, Authorizations and Enforcement

Roles in IPMP:

- **Policy:** legislation/regulation, policy, training material, standards, outreach
- **Authorizations:** issue authorizations (permits and confirmations), outreach
- **Authorizations (Integrated Services):** issue auths (licences) & certificates, contracts
- **Enforcement:** monitor & verify compliance with IPMA

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Updates:

- Team responsible for authorization of permits and confirmations is now led by Andreas-Wins Purdy (director of the Extended Producer Responsibility Program Delivery Team)
- Vacancies across all IPMP teams



Policy: Body of Water

- **Explanatory notes (EN)**

- BOW Policy: completed 2023
- EN: Understanding a body of water (BOW) (2025)
- EN: Applying pesticides near BOWs (starting early 2026)

- **Webinar**

- 2026 (BOW AND applying pesticides near water)

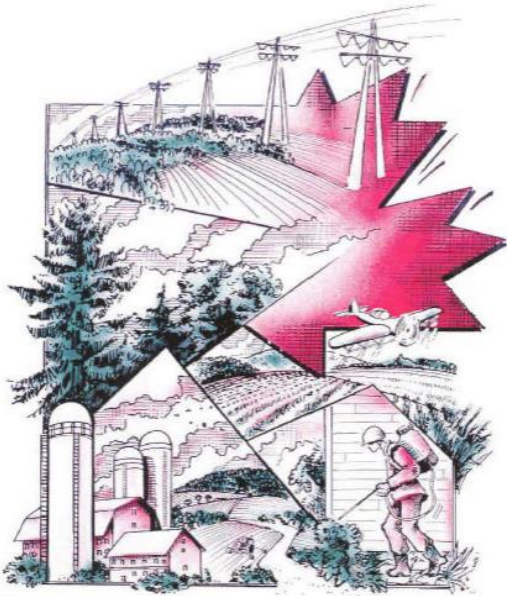
Policy: Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) / “drones”



- Pesticide application by drone is currently **NOT allowed** in British Columbia
 - Exception – PMRA research permit
- The ministry is working to regulate this new application technology
 - Policy, certification, regulatory

IPM Regulation Updates

- The IPMR was recently amended to improve the safety of authorization holders during consultation activities
- This change allows a position title to be posted *instead of a name* (where contact information is required)
- Applies when consulting on **BOTH** Pest Management Plans and Pesticide Use Permits (confirmations and permits)
- IPMR sections 56 (a); 58 (1) (b) & (c); 59 (1) (a); 60 (2) (c)



National Manual
British Columbia Edition 2025

Certification updates

- NEW IV manual and exams
 - Expected release early 2026
- Improving the Continuing Education Credit system
 - Workshop with CEC coordinators (2026)

Message from IPM Authorizations

- Recent Job Action: may be backlogs and delays
- Reminder: asking for continued cooperation for no aerial application in the parts of T8 within Northeast B.C.
- Please contact IPM Authorizations (Scott Bennett) before starting consultation in the Northeast
 - Good practice for all regions of the province!

Questions

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