

APPLYING HERBICIDES SAFELY AND LEGALLY. Roger A. Flashinski, Program Manager, Pesticide Applicator Training, Department of Agronomy, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

This presentation will review the legal aspects of applying herbicides to control invasive species in a natural communities environment. Are private landowners regulated? What type of applicator am I? Do volunteers need to become certified applicators? Is direct supervision allowed? Although some of the discussion on the legal use of pesticides will be generic for all NCR states, most will be Wisconsin specific. Also, I will briefly discuss the toxicity classification of pesticides, the significance of signal words, personal protective equipment requirements, how we can reduce exposure, and how an applicator can unknowingly expose himself or herself and others when handling pesticides.