

**12. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
PLASTIC PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING
PROGRAM**

Attached herewith please find a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2012 Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program. Under the terms of the agreement, VDACS provides reimbursement up to \$1,875 to Southampton County for expenses associated with the program.

VDACS provides jet-rinse nozzles and granulation equipment which is operated with assistance by our Extension Agent and volunteers.

Southampton County pays for program expenses and costs and is then subsequently reimbursed by VDACS.

Space is set aside at the Southampton County Fairgrounds for collection and storage of containers. Chris Drake will inspect them to assure that they've been properly rinsed prior to granulation.

MOTION REQUIRED

A motion is required authorizing the County Administrator to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement.



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Matthew J. Lohr
Commissioner

January 14, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Drake, Extension Agent
Southampton County

FROM: Jeffrey Rogers, Environmental Program Planner 
Office of Pesticide Services

SUBJECT: 2013 Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program – MOA

Attached is the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the 2013 Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program. The MOA details the responsibilities of your locality and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS).

Please review and forward to your County Administrator/City Manager (or other authorized official) requesting their signatures as execution of the MOA. Please return the signed MOA to me for execution by VCE and VDACS. Upon Department execution, a copy of the MOA will be returned for your files.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 804-371-6561 or at jeffrey.rogers@vdacs.virginia.gov.

Thank you.

Attachment

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
between
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
and
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

PURPOSE:

This Agreement establishes the roles and responsibilities of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) and Southampton County in conducting the 2013 Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program. The Virginia Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program assists agricultural producers, pesticide dealers and pest control firms to recycle properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers.

PROJECT PERIOD: January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

VDACS RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. **Administer the statewide Program.** VDACS shall administer and provide oversight of the statewide Program by:
 1. establishing guidelines for statewide Program;
 2. approving local government programs;
 3. scheduling the granulation of containers; and,
 4. monitoring each local program to ensure their adherence to established guidelines.

2. **Reimburse Southampton County up to the amount of \$ 1,875 to support the costs of the Program.** VDACS shall reimburse Southampton County for actual local program expenses for the administration of the 2013 Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program incurred during the project period (January 1 – December 31, 2013) up to \$1,875. All expenses must be directly related to the Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program and may include: construction, rental, and material costs related to the establishment of a collection site; salaries, wages, and fringe benefits for container inspection and administration of the Program; travel expenses, safety equipment purchases, incentives and training materials related to the Program. Reimbursement shall be made upon receipt of an activity report and expense reimbursement request, including receipts, for the project period (January 1 – December 31, 2013).

3. **Provide educational materials for use by Southampton County for distribution to participants.** VDACS shall provide, upon request, educational materials (slide series, videotapes, pamphlets, etc.) which illustrate the proper procedures for rinsing pesticide containers, pesticide container inspection checklists, wellhead protection and the overall recycling program. VDACS shall also assist Southampton County in educating participants in the recycling program, upon request.

4. **Provide training for pesticide container inspectors.** VDACS shall, upon request, train Southampton County pesticide container inspectors to properly inspect pesticide containers for cleanliness and educate participants in proper rinsing procedures. All pesticide container inspectors must complete this training.
5. **Provide jet-rinse nozzles as requested.** VDACS shall provide, upon request, a limited supply of jet-rinse nozzles to Southampton County to assist in promoting the recycling program, upon request. The jet-rinse nozzles shall be distributed to agricultural producers, pesticide dealers and pest control firms who agree to recycle their plastic pesticide containers, until supplies run out.
6. **Coordinate the scheduling for the granulation of pesticide containers.** VDACS shall coordinate the scheduling for the granulation of pesticide containers at Southampton County collection site. It is anticipated that 1-2 visits will be made during the 2013 Program to granulate the collected containers.

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. **Develop plan to administer the Recycling Program.** Southampton County shall develop a written plan for implementing and administering the Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program for their locality and submit the plan to VDACS for concurrence. The written plan must address the following topics:
 1. location of collection site(s);
 2. collection site(s) hours of operation;
 3. method for storing accepted containers;
 4. pesticide container inspection personnel; and,
 5. handling containers rejected by granulator.
2. **Administer the Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program in Southampton County.** Southampton County shall administer the local Program by:
 1. establishment of a secure, covered recycling site;
 2. employment and supervision of container inspector(s);
 3. removal of all plastic pesticide sleeves or labels prior to placement in the recycling storage facility;
 4. inspection of all plastic pesticide containers to assure cleanliness in accordance with established guidelines;
 5. assisting the recycling contractor during the processing and granulation of the containers; and,
 6. submission of an activity report and expense reimbursement request, including receipts, for the project period (January 1 – December 31, 2013) to VDACS by January 31, 2014.

3. **Execute documentation transferring container ownership to granulator.** Southampton County shall execute and sign the documentation transferring ownership of the containers to the recycling contractor.

4. **Educate agricultural producers about proper pesticide container rinsing procedures and the Recycling Program.** Southampton County, through Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University through its Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE), shall promote the value of recycling plastic pesticide containers to the agricultural community. VCE shall educate agricultural producers about proper pesticide container rinsing procedures and the Recycling Program through the distribution of educational materials and presentations at growers' meetings.

5. **Distribute jet-rinse nozzles to participating agricultural producers.** To promote the recycling program and encourage participation, Southampton County, through VCE, shall distribute VDACS-supplied jet-rinse nozzles to agricultural producers, pesticide dealers and pest control firms agreeing to participate in the Program.

This Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed and is recommended for approval:



 Liza J. Pleeson
 Program Manager
 Virginia Department of Agriculture
 and Consumer Services

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 Edwin J. Jones, Ph.D.
 Director
 Virginia Cooperative Extension

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Approved by:

 Michael W. Johnson
 County Administrator
 Southampton County

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 Matthew J. Lohr
 Commissioner
 Virginia Department of Agriculture
 and Consumer Services

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