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Sent: Friday, February 15, 2002 4:25 PM **Subject:** Use of coumaphos in beehives

I am circulating this response from Bob Balaam to an attached NJinPAS posting on coumaphos to the Project Leaders of the other mid-Atlantic states in hopes that you may have worked out a creative solution for this issue. I have also copied the NJinPAS Advisory Committee with the same intent.

Thank you for your cooperation. I would be glad to post your response.

Pat

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From: <u>Balaam, Bob</u>
To: <u>Patricia D. Hastings</u>

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2002 9:48 AM

Subject: RE: Section 18 Exemption for the use of coumaphos in beehives

Pat,

Unfortunately, DEP has recently classified coumaphos as a state restricted use pesticide requiring sale and use only by certified commercial applicators or dealers. This is expected to severely limit its use in NJ this year. My staff will be working with beekeepers and Dave Munn to find ways of getting beekeepers certified in a timely fashion.

Bob

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From: Patricia D. Hastings [mailto:hastings@AESOP.RUTGERS.EDU]

Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2002 4:41 PM **To:** NJinPASNETWORK@AESOP.RUTGERS.EDU

Subject: Section 18 Exemption for the use of coumaphos in beehives

Courtesy of Tom Kaczoroski of the NJDEP:

In correspondence dated February 6, 2002, EPA granted the NJDEP a Section 18 exemption for the use of **coumaphos in beehives** to control varroa mites and small hive beetles in New Jersey. This exemption expires February 1, 2003. Time-limited tolerances are in place to support this use, and are expected to be renewed for the period of the Section 18 Exemption.

Under FIFRA section 18, EPA can authorize the use of a pesticide when emergency conditions exist. Authorizations (commonly called emergency exemptions) are granted to State and Federal agencies. A detailed explanation of the crisis, reasons for exemption, and support of a time-limited tolerance for this specific use are given in the tolerance published in the Federal Register @http://www.epa.gov/EPA-PEST/2000/August/Day-16/p20732.htm.

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