

Termite University Webinar Sept. 21-25, 2020

8:30 to 11:00 AM each morning

MSU Extension Service, MDAC, Bureau of Plant Industry and Mississippi Pest Control Association

Monday, September 21:

8:30 AM (30 min.) **Introduction and Overview** (Dr. Blake Layton, MSU-ES) Explain course objectives, importance of termites, and overview of industry and treatment options.

9:00 AM (40 min.) **Pesticide Safety** (Mr. Gene Merkl, MSU-ES) Covers basic pesticide safety, safe handling and transport of pesticides.

9:45 AM (60 min.) **Termite Identification and Biology** (Dr. Blake Layton, MSU-ES) Covers identification of the eight species of termites most commonly encountered in the state. Biology portion focuses on Eastern Subterranean Termites and Formosans.

Tuesday, September 22:

8: 30 AM (60 min.) **Termite treatment regulations** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI) Detailed information on Mississippi regulations and compliance requirements.

9:30 AM (60 min.) **Tools and Methods for Prevention and Control:** (Dr. Blake Layton, MSU-ES) Covers various tools and methods for termite IPM, includes physical controls, baits and liquid termiticides

Wednesday, September 23:

8:30 AM (60 min.) **Termite Math** (Dr. Blake Layton, MSU-ES) Calculate rates and volumes of termiticide for various types of buildings and application methods Includes pre-construction and post-construction. Covers liquid termiticides and baits.

9:30 AM (60 min.) Virtual On-site Training: Construction Types and Treatment (Mr. Randy Boyle & Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC, BPI) Pre-recorded tour of various types of construction and treatment procedures for each. "How would you treat this?"

Thursday, September 24:

8:30 AM (60 min.) **Record Keeping, Reporting, Inspections and WDIRs:** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI) Discussion of record and reporting requirements, how to file reports and how to conduct and report WDIRs.

9:30 AM (40 min.) **US Forest Service Termiticide Testing Program**, (Dr. Guy Shelton, USFS) Overview of US Forest Service methods and protocols for testing termiticides for US registration

10:10 AM (20 min.) **Termiticide Efficacy Review** (Dr. Blake Layton, MSU-ES) Review relative efficacy and longevity of currently labeled soil-applied termiticides.

Friday, September 25:

8:30 AM (50 Min.) **Formosan Termites and Drywood Termites**, (Dr. Blake Layton, MSU-ES) Special considerations on biology and control of Formosan termites and drywood termites.

9:20 AM (50 min.) Inspection, Conducive Conditions and Causes of Failures (Dr. Blake Layton, MSU-ES)

10:10 AM (20 min.) Wrap-up, Evaluation and Recertification (Dr. Blake Layton and Mr. Russell Kohler)