Right-of-way Pest Control	
Federal category for commercial applicators	
Are any existing manuals/exams available?	There is a training syllabus developed in 2010. https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/resources-states-and-educators-use-training-pesticide-applicators (J.Kasai 3/10/23)
Research notes: - Anything identified in the AAPCO survey? - What did you find online? - What did you learn contacting others?	
How many states/tribes use this category?	All. There are 68 Certification Plans – includes states, territories, tribes, and federal agencies. (J.Kasai 3/10/23)
How national, regional, or local is the training material likely to be, for this category? For example, would you expect the training material to be similar in each state, or tailored to local pests/conditions?	
How is the category lumped with other categories and/or split into several categories?	It is usually on its own. (J.Kasai 3/10/23)
The new competencies are described in 40 CFR Part 171.103(d)(6)	***Right-of-way pest control.*** Applicators must demonstrate practical knowledge of the types of environments (terrestrial and aquatic) traversed by rights-of-way, recognition of target pests, and techniques to minimize non-target exposure, runoff, drift, and excessive foliage destruction. The required knowledge also includes the potential for phytotoxicity due to a wide variety of plants and pests to be controlled, and for persistence beyond the intended period of pest control.
Are there emerging regulations or science in this area?	
Are there opportunities to reduce duplication of effort?	Yes – EPA received an email from John Byrd, Jr. at MS. State (3/9/23). He is interested in writing a study manual to go with a webinar he gave in Oct. 2021. If EPA has funding, he wants to assemble a group – mainly extension specialists active in ROW IVM from the region, then use DOT vegetation managers and utility contractors to review the manual – perhaps for the eastern U.S. as a standard for the ROW category.

	JByrd@pss.msstate.edu By the way – not sure how or if he could get EPA funds at this time. (J.Kasai 3/10/23) Suggest reaching out to Department of Energy – Bonneville Power Administration in N.W. (Oden Jahn (owjahn@bpa.gov) and Richard Lee at Bureau of Land Management (rlee@blm.gov) because of their experience and significance of category to them.
Are there critical items or methods needed to ensure accuracy/quality? Are there tripping hazards on the path to adopting the new/revised manual?	
Category required for applicators as described in 40 CFR Part 171.103(f)	***Right-of-way pest control.*** This category applies to commercial applicators who use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides in the maintenance of roadsides, powerlines, pipelines, and railway rights-of-way, and similar areas.
Researched/summarized by CTAG member Neil Kittleson	

Summary (1-3 paragraphs):