

Applicators can once again use Rozol Prairie Dog Bait.

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EPA announced the cancellation of Rozol Prairie Dog Bait in Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, and South Dakota on August 8th, 2011. This was due to concerns regarding non-target impacts from use of this product in habitats harboring endangered species. Liphatech, EPA, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) have now implemented conservation measures to allow for use in many regions of Montana as of October 1st, 2012. Montana applicators should pay close attention to the following conservation measures prior to using the product:

- Prohibiting application of Rozol Prairie Dog Bait within current and future black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) reintroduction areas to reduce level of impact on the black-footed ferret;
- Shortening the application season where the range of the black-tailed prairie dog overlaps with listed species including the grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) and Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*); and
- Amending the Rozol product label to require enhanced searches to remove poisoned prairie dogs.

These measures put into place geographic restrictions at various locations across Montana. To understand the restrictions in your application area go to the EPA Endangered Species Protection Bulletins at <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/endorsement/bulletins.htm>, and click on 'Bulletins Live'. This website will explain the geographic or application restrictions that may be in place at your application site.

Applicators should be aware of additional recordkeeping requirements when using this product including details on: 1) carcass removal, 2) geographic restrictions to that area, etc... See details on the pesticide product label at '[rozol prairie dog product label](#)'.

Due to changing product label requirements Liphatech Incorporated is coordinating Rozol Stewardship Meetings for Montana and Wyoming. The MSU Pesticide Education Program encourages applicators desiring to use Rozol Prairie Dog Bait to attend these meetings due to changing product label requirements.

September 25th – Sleep Inn, Miles City, MT: Starts at 10 AM

October 9th – Best Western Kelley Inn, Billings, MT: Starts at 10 AM

October 18th - Great Northern Inn, Malta, MT: Starts at 3 PM

The agenda can be viewed online at '[rozol stewardship meetings](#)'. R.S.V.P. Marianne Basehear by emailing baseheartm@liphatech.com. Questions regarding programs can be sent to Michael Brownell (Northern Plains District Sales Manager; brownellm@liphatech.com; 414-559-4436).

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