



IPM Institute of North America, Inc.

Harnessing Marketplace Power to Improve Health, Environment and Economics

For Immediate Release:

Board of Directors

Carrie Foss, M.S.
Washington State
University

Dawn H. Gouge, Ph.D.
University of Arizona

Robert S. Kallen, J.D.
RSK Strategies

Curtis H. Petzoldt,
Ph.D.
Cornell University
(retired)

Thomas A. Green,
Ph.D.
Board President

*2014 Whole Foods
Market Supplier Award
for Outstanding Quality
Assurance*

*2012, 2009 US EPA
Sustained Excellence in
IPM Award*

*2009, 2008, 2005, 2004
National Champion, U.S.
Environmental Protection
Agency, Pesticide
Environmental
Stewardship Program*

*2005 Children's
Environmental Health
Recognition Award, U.S.
Environmental Protection
Agency Office of
Children's Health
Protection*

Modern Building Maintenance Pest Control Division in Dubai Achieves Green Shield Certification for Green, Low-Risk Pest Control Services

March 12, 2018

Dubai, U.A.E. – Modern Building Maintenance (MBM) Pest Control Services in Dubai has achieved Green Shield Certified status for its low-risk pest management. MBM Pest Control Services was evaluated by the nonprofit IPM Institute of North America for its sustainable pest control practices according to Green Shield Certified's independent green pest control standards. MBM Pest Control Services is the first pest management provider serving the United Arab Emirates to achieve Green Shield Certification.

MBM Pest Control Services is a division of MBM LLC, a large facilities management conglomerate. The Pest Control Service was established in 1977 as part of the environmental division of MBM. It is managed by Rabi Iqbal, Agriculture Engineer and Head of the Department, and Raja Saqib Rahim, Agriculture Engineer, Entomologist and Operations Manager. MBM started an IPM program for the economic benefits of sustainable development, increased productivity and reduced pest damage, and for the social benefits of a healthier and chemical free environment.

Raja Saqib Rahim, Operations Manager of MBM Pest Control Services, is proud to offer a certified, more sustainable service to customers: "Through IPM techniques we were able to get the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Dubai Festival City projects, and with successful implementation of IPM we gained the trust of these prestigious clients." MBM Pest Control Services strives to spread awareness of the effectiveness of IPM and increase adoption of IPM practices. Raja Saqib Rahim explains: "It is very great to work and educate the people about IPM methods and techniques, we are working on an extensive IPM education system in our team throughout the Emirates Region."

MBM Pest Control Services addresses the underlying causes of pest problems with thorough inspection and customer communication, and limits pesticide applications to a short list of low-risk products, and then only when necessary. Raja Saqib Rahim explains his motivation to use a "greener" approach to pest management: "Reduction of environmental risk associated with pest management is possible by encouraging the adoption of more ecologically control tactics through IPM. Protection of at-risk ecosystems and non-target species through reduced impact of pest management activities is possible with implementation of IPM."



Green Shield Certified is based on the principles of Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, a low-risk approach to pest control that addresses the sources of pest problems through practical, low-risk methods. IPM practitioners will search out where pests are hiding and what's feeding them and seek to remove these sources, while monitoring pest levels and communicating with building occupants about behaviors that may allow the pests to thrive. "Pests are just like us—they need food, water and shelter to survive, and human behaviors often provide those for them in and around our buildings and structures. IPM aims to break that triangle—addressing the sources of pest problems is the key to long-term effective control," says Dr. Tom Green, president of the IPM Institute and founder of Green Shield Certified.

Green Shield Certified is operated by the IPM Institute of North America, Inc., an independent, non-profit organization based in Madison, Wisconsin. Green Shield Certified is available for pest control companies and services, facilities and pest management programs.

Contact: Madeline Zastrow
Green Shield Certified
(888) 476-7453
mzastrow@ipminstitute.org