

02 NCAC 48A .0218 CLEAN-UP AREAS

(a) When in the opinion of the Commissioner action is necessary to prevent or check the spread of certain bee diseases or disorders he may designate certain areas or counties as "clean" or under a "clean-up campaign" for designated diseases or disorders and prohibit the movement of bees and/or equipment into or from these areas, except when they have been inspected within 60 days of the time they are to be moved, and found apparently free of the designated diseases or disorders, and a certificate of inspection issued.

(b) The following types of clean-up areas may be designated and the diseases or disorders regulated in the areas:

- (1) areas where bees are moved to or concentrated at certain times of the year such as apple and blueberry pollinating areas;
- (2) areas with a concentration of bee disease;
- (3) areas around queen or package bee rearing sites;
- (4) areas around an infestation of a disease new to the state;
- (5) any other area where disease clean-up is needed at the time.

(c) Before designating or removing a clean-up area, a public hearing must be held before the Board of Agriculture.

(d) The diseases or disorders regulated in the clean-up areas are dependent on the type of clean-up area and must be designated by the Commissioner.

(e) Any bees or beekeeping equipment moved in violation of this Regulation shall be subject to seizure and destruction without compensation to the owner, or such other disposition as shall be determined by the inspector.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-634 through 106-644;
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