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Addendum to AZ1315, Pinion Needle Scale

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The information provided in our “Pinion Needle Scale” publication dated December 2011 is still accurate. However, **Dimethoate**, the systemic insecticide labeled for application on pinyon needle scale egg masses prior to emergence, is not readily available to homeowners. A systemic insecticide with the active ingredient **Dinotefuran** is more readily available, can be applied in early spring and is now a recommended management strategy for heavy infestations.

“I would not suggest imidacloprid as it is geared toward soft scale insects, and pinyon needle scale are armored. If the homeowner is set on chemical control I would suggest dinotefuran instead.”



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