

WPS: Greenhouse / Nursery Application Pesticide Handler Requirements



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Instructions: This checklist is designed to self-evaluate WPS compliance for a greenhouse / nursery facility and document WPS training. Use the checklist as a guide to conduct site specific WPS training. When complete, sign and date the form, and keep this copy on file to document training has been completed.

PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING FOR HANDLERS

- Have handlers received complete WPS training prior to doing any handling task?
 - On-Line Module / Video (EPA Approved) # _____
 - Site Specific Training (policy, procedures, item locations)
- Is safety information presented in a manner that handlers can understand?
- Can you document that handlers were trained?

INFORMATION AT A CENTRAL LOCATION

Is the following information displayed where it is easily accessible and can be easily seen and read by handlers before a pesticide is applied?

- Pesticide-specific application information
- Emergency medical information
- Pesticide safety poster

Does the pesticide application information include the following?

- Location of treated area
- Product name
- EPA registration number
- Active ingredient(s)
- Time and date pesticide is to be applied
- Restricted-entry interval (REI)

- Is the pesticide application information displayed until at least 30 days have passed since the pesticide was applied or REI has been in effect?

DECONTAMINATION SUPPLIES

- Are there at least 3 gallons of water available for each handler for routine washing and emergency washing of the entire body?
- Is there at least 1 pint of immediately available clean water for eye flushing when a label specifies the use of protective eyewear?
- Are there enough single-use towels and soap available?
Are decontamination supplies located at:
 - Mixing/loading sites?
 - Within ¼ mile of the application site?
 - Where personal protective equipment (PPE) is removed?
- Are decontamination supplies in enclosed containers while in areas being treated?
- Is there a clean change of clothes available in case of emergency?

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

- Is emergency transportation promptly available?

Is the following information promptly available to medical personnel upon request?

- Product label information
- Description of way the pesticide was being used
- Circumstances of worker's exposure to pesticide

RESTRICTION DURING APPLICATIONS

- Do handlers know not to apply a pesticide in any manner that may contact, directly or through drift, anyone other than trained and equipped handlers?

MONITORING HANDLERS

- Will handlers be monitored every 2 hours by voice or sight while they work with a pesticide that has a skull and crossbones on the label?
- Will a handler applying a fumigant in a greenhouse be visually monitored constantly by an equipped, trained handler?

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLERS

- Are handlers informed before they start handling jobs of all safety instructions on the label?
- Will the label be available for handlers to consult after starting the job?
- Do handlers know how to safely use chemicals and application equipment?
- Are commercial applicators aware of any applications near the area where they will work?

EQUIPMENT SAFETY

- Are handlers instructed in the safe operation of the equipment they will be using?
- Is handling equipment inspected and repaired before each day of use?
- Are only trained and equipped handlers repairing, cleaning or adjusting any handling equipment that contains pesticides or pesticide residues?

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- Is label-required PPE provided for handlers?
- Are handlers informed on how to wear the necessary PPE correctly?
- Is PPE kept clean, well-maintained and inspected before use?
- Is PPE washed and stored separately from other clothes and pesticide storage areas?
- If a respirator is worn, has it been fit tested?
- Are filter cartridges or dust filters replaced when the label requires, damaged, or at the end of the work day if there are no other instructions available?
- Do employees know not to take heavily contaminated clothing or PPE off-site or home?

NAME AND SIGNATURE

The WPS material listed above has been provided by the supervisor/ manager to the pesticide handler.

Handler Name

Signature

Date

Supervisor / Manager Name

Signature

Date