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## **Glenn County Pest Control Operator Handout**

**Registration Fee: \$25.00**

1. Registration of pest control operators shall be made annually.
2. It is unlawful for any person to act as a pest control operator without first registering with the agricultural commissioner of that county.
3. Pest control operators can only apply pesticides in those categories for which they are licensed.
4. Agricultural pest control operators shall have a qualified person responsible for pest control operation at **EACH** location. This qualified person (authorized agent) is responsible for the legal and safe operation of pest control activities conducted at the location and must be in a position to supervise operations carried on at that location.
5. **RESTRICTED MATERIAL PERMIT CONDITIONS**
  - A. The owner or operator of the property to be treated must secure the use permits for all permitted materials (including restricted materials, dusts, 24C Special Local Need variances and Section 18 Emergency Exemptions).
  - B. Restricted materials permits are issued to properly registered pest control operators for possession only.
  - C. Pest control operators shall review permit conditions, permit and map before each restricted materials application is made. These permit conditions must be followed.
6. **PESTICIDE USE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS-RESPONSIBILITIES**
  1. Pest control operators must obtain grower/operator identification numbers and site numbers from the grower prior to the application.
  2. Pest control operators must maintain use records for two (2) years.
  3. Notice of Applications: (Section 6618)
    - (A) This subsection applies to the use of any pesticide for the commercial or research production of an agricultural plant commodity. Notifications required by this subsection must be given orally or in writing and completed prior to the use of any pesticide and in ample time for all subsequent notifications to be made and for all persons notified to take appropriate action. This time will differ depending on the circumstances of each notification.
      - (1) Each person performing pest control shall assure that the operator of the property to be treated receives notice of the scheduled application. The notice must be in a manner the person can understand and include:
        - (a) The date of the scheduled application;
        - (b) The location and description of the field to be treated;
        - (c) The pesticide product name(s), U.S. EPA registration number(s), and active ingredient(s);
        - (d) Spray adjuvant product name(s) and California registration number(s), if applicable;
        - (e) The applicable restricted entry interval;
        - (f) If the pesticide product labeling requires the posting of treated fields-and
        - (g) Any other precautions printed on the pesticide product labeling, or included in applicable laws and regulations, related to the protection of employees or other persons during or after application.

- (2) If there is a change in the date of the scheduled application specified in (a)(1)(A), each person performing pest control shall assure that the operator of the property receives notice of this change prior to the application.
  - (3) The operator of the property shall assure that notice of the scheduled application is given to employees covered under section 6700 (which includes fieldworkers) and their employers working on the operator's property except as provided in (a)(5). The operator of the property is not required to provide notice to persons who will apply the pesticide(s) or supervise the application for which the notice is intended.
  - (4) Any employer notified of a scheduled application by the operator of the property shall assure that notice of the scheduled application is given to his or her employees working on the operator's property except as provided in (a)(5).
  - (5) The notice specified in subsections (a)(3) and (4) is not required to be given to an employee covered under section 6700 (which includes fieldworkers) or their employer if the operator of the property can assure that:
    - (a) The field to be treated is posted pursuant to section 6776(b-f), unless the pesticide product labeling requires both oral notification and the posting of treated fields; or
    - (b) From the start of the application and until the notice of completion pursuant to section 6619(c) is received, the employee or employer will not enter or walk within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of the field to be treated.
  - (6) The operator of the property shall assure that notice is given to persons, other than those specified in subsection (a)(3), whom the operator of the property has prior knowledge that he or she will likely enter the field to be treated on the date of the application or while the restricted entry interval is in effect. This notice is not required when a field to be treated is posted as specified in section 6776(b-f).
  - (7) The notices specified in subsection (a)(3), (4), and (6) must be in a manner the person can understand and include:
    - (a) The date of the scheduled application;
    - (b) The location and description of the field to be treated; and
    - (c) Instructions not to enter the field to be treated until authorized by the operator of the property.
  - (8) If there is a change in the date of the scheduled application specified in (a)(7)(A), then a new notice must be provided to persons specified in (a)(3), (4), and (6) prior to the application.
- (B) This subsection applies to the use of any pesticide for purposes other than the commercial or research production of an agricultural plant commodity. Notifications required by this subsection must be given orally or in writing and be completed prior to the use of any pesticide and in ample time for all subsequent notifications to be made and for all persons notified to take appropriate action. This time will differ depending on the circumstances of each notification.
- (1) Each person performing pest control shall assure that the operator of the property receives notice of the scheduled application. The notice must be in a manner the person can understand and include:
    - (a) The date of the scheduled application;
    - (b) The identity of the pesticide (including spray adjuvants, if applicable) by brand or common chemical name; and
    - (c) Any other precautions printed on the pesticide product labeling or included in applicable laws or regulations related to the protection of employees or other persons during the application.
  - (2) The operator of property shall assure that notice is given to all persons who are on the property to be treated, or who may enter during the application or the period of time that any restrictions on entry are in effect, except for the persons who made or supervised the application for which the notice is intended. The notice must be in a manner the person can understand and include:
    - (a) The date of the scheduled application;
    - (b) The identity of the pesticide (including spray adjuvants, if applicable) by brand or common chemical name; and
    - (c) Precautions to be observed as printed on the pesticide product labeling or included in applicable laws or regulations related to the entry of the treated area.
  - (3) Compliance by licensed Structural Pest Control Operators with the notice requirements of Section 8538 of the Business and Professions Code meets the requirements of this subsection.

- (4) Compliance by public agencies with the notice or barrier requirements of Section 12978 of the Food and Agricultural Code meets the notice requirements of this subsection.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 12976 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 11501, 12980, and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code; and Section 8538, Business and Professions Code.

(4) NOTICE OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS: (Section 6619)

- (A) Any person applying pesticides for the commercial or research production of an agricultural plant commodity shall assure that the operator of the property treated receives notice, orally or in writing, and within 24 hours of completion of the pesticide application. This notice must include the following information:
  - (1) The location of the property, including the site identification number, and acreage treated;
  - (2) The pesticide product name(s), U.S. EPA registration number(s) and active ingredient(s);
  - (3) Spray adjuvant product name(s) and California registration number(s), if applicable;
  - (4) The date and hour the application was completed; and
  - (5) The applicable reentry and pre-harvest intervals, unless a copy of a written recommendation for the subject application made by a licensed agricultural pest control adviser, properly completed, was given to the operator of the property treated.
- (B) The operator of the property treated shall maintain a written record of the application completion notice(s) he or she receives from the person applying the pesticide(s) by site.
- (C) The operator of the property shall assure that notice of completed application is given to employees covered under section 6700 (which includes fieldworkers) and their employers except as provided in (e). The operator of the property is not required to provide notice to persons who will apply the pesticide(s) or supervise the application for which the notice is intended.
- (D) Any employer who receives the notice of completed application from the operator of the property shall assure that notice of completed application is given to his or her employees except as provided in (e).
- (E) The notices specified in subsections (c) and (d) are not required to be given to an employee covered under section 6700 (which includes fieldworkers) or their employer if the operator of the property can assure that:
  - (1) The field is posted pursuant to section 6776(b-f), unless the pesticide product labeling requires both oral notification and posting of treated fields; or
  - (2) During the restricted entry interval, that employee or employer will not enter or walk within ¼ mile of the treated field.
- (F) The notices specified in subsections (c) and (d) must be given orally or in writing and in a manner the person can understand and include:
  - (1) The location and description of the treated field;
  - (2) The time during which entry is restricted; and
  - (3) Instructions not to enter the treated field until the restricted entry interval has expired, except as provided in section 6770.
- (G) The operator of the property shall assure that notice is given orally or in writing to persons, other than those specified in subsection (c), whom the operator of the property has prior knowledge that he or she will likely enter the treated field during the restricted entry interval. This notice is not required when a field is posted as specified in section 6776(b-f). The notice must be in a manner the person can understand and include:
  - (1) The location and description of the treated field;
  - (2) The time during which entry is restricted; and
  - (3) Instructions not to enter the treated field until the restricted entry interval have expired.
- (H) A pest control business shall maintain a written record that documents the following:
  - (1) The name of the operator of the property treated;
  - (2) The location of the property, including the site identification number;
  - (3) The date and time the notice of completed application was given; and
  - (4) The method of notification, including the name of the person notified, if a person was notified.

- (I) The records required pursuant to this Section must be retained for two years and made promptly available to the director or commissioner upon request.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 11456, 12976 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 11501 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

(5) NOTICE OF INTENTS:

- (A) Growers, pest control operators or authorized representative shall notify the Agricultural Commissioner at the time the Notice of Intent is made if any environmental changes have taken place since the restricted material permit was issued.
- (B) A Notice of Intent must be submitted 24 hours prior to the application.
- (1) If the Notice of Intent is not complete, it will not be accepted and the 24-hour period will not start till it is completed.
- (2) Notices of Intent can be submitted by the grower, pest control operator or authorized representative however, the grower who obtains a permit is responsible to assure that a Notice of Intent has been submitted.
- (3) If the application is not started within four (4) days or completed within 2 weeks due to uncontrollable conditions, a new notice of intent must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the next intended date. 12-99
- (4) If the Notice of Intent is submitted and application not made, it is suggested that the agriculture commissioner be notified.
- (C) Means of submitting notices of intent.
- (1) A written notice of intent or a written recommendation containing all required information may be delivered to the agricultural commissioner's office in Willows faxed, (FAX number is 934-6503), electronic submission or call the Notice of Intent line.
- (2) A phone message system will be used to handle notices of intent 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
- (a) Those messages put on the phone message system will be reviewed at 10:00 am each day. You must call 934-6569 to put your Notice of Intent on the phone message system.
- (6) Written recommendations must be made for all restricted materials applied by pest control operators.
- (7) The pest control operator shall have copies of the growers permit with the permit conditions and written recommendation in their possession prior to the application. The growers permit number shall be recorded on the use report.
- (8) Pesticide applications and operations shall be made so that property, public employees, other workers and the environment are adequately protected. A survey shall be made by the pilot PRIOR to the application to insure the above is complied with.
- (9) Pesticides shall be applied in accordance with the registered label and regulations and shall not be applied in "conflict with labeling". "Conflict with labeling" means any deviation from instructions, requirements or prohibitions on registered labeling concerning storage, handling or use except:
- (A) A decrease in dosage rate per unit treated.
- (B) A decrease in the concentration of the mixture applied.
- (C) Application at a frequency less than specified.
- (D) Use to control a target pest not listed on the label, provided the application is to a commodity/site listed on the label and the use of the product against an unnamed pest is not expressly prohibited.
- (E) Employing a method of application not prohibited, provided other label directions are followed.
- (F) Mixing with another pesticide or with a fertilizer, unless such mixture is prohibited: or
- (G) An increase in the concentration of the mixture applied, provided it corresponds with the current published recommendations of the University of California.

- (10) Maintain a sufficient distance from any susceptible crop or planting, building frequented by people, recreation areas, and livestock enclosures, occupied roads, rivers or waterways, to assure these areas will not be contaminated. Apply when conditions are such that the pesticide WILL NOT drifts onto these areas.
- (11) The pest control operator shall immediately notify the agricultural commissioner's office when a pesticide illness or a crop loss is suspected.
- (12) Pesticide containers shall not create a hazard.
  - (A) Empty pesticide containers shall not be allowed to accumulate. These containers should be disposed of on a regular basis at the Glenn County Sanitary Landfill, or may be recycled by a program approved the Director of Pesticide Regulations.
  - (B) The storage of partially filled pesticide containers should be kept to a minimum.
  - (C) Full or partially full pesticide containers that are in a state of deterioration or whose contents cannot be determined must be removed to an approved Class I disposal facility.
  - (D) You may **NOT** burn pesticide containers.
- (13) No person shall permit a minor under the age of 18 to mix and load a pesticide which, in any use situation, use of any of the following as required by labeling or regulation:
  - (A) Air supplied respiratory protection.
  - (B) Closed systems, or
  - (C) Full body chemical resistant protective clothing.
- (14) Pilots shall not mix and load Category 1 or 2 organophosphates or carbamates unless a closed mixing and loading system is used.
- (15) All employees using a closed loading system shall wear rubber gloves, rubber boots, chemical resistant apron, and eye protection.
- (16) Follow worker protection standard regulations.
- (17) If you have any problems meeting these requirements, please feel free to contact our office so a satisfactory solution can be worked out.
- (18) **PARAQUAT CONDITIONS: THESE REGULATIONS APPLY ALL YEAR**

The aerial application of Paraquat (Gramoxone) shall be made only in accordance with the following restrictions:

  - (A) Jet nozzles having an orifice of not less than 1/16 inch in diameter shall be used with such orifices directed backward parallel to the horizontal axis of the aircraft in flight. A number 46 (or equivalent) or larger whirl plate may be used.
  - (B) Boom pressure shall not exceed 40 pounds per square inch.
  - (C) Spray material shall not be discharged at a height of more than ten (10) feet above the crop or target.
  - (D) A viscoelastic thickening agent or other drift control agent approved for such purpose is required.
  - (E) Wind velocity not to exceed 5 mph.
  - (F) A continuous column of smoke is required.
- (19) **PHENOXY CONDITIONS: For Aerial Applications**
  - (A) See the Sacramento Valley Uniform Phenoxy Herbicide Permit Conditions.
  - (B) Belting and wire left from the burning of tires shall be picked up by the PCO.