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History - 1974

- California Worker Safety Regulations
- Protect pesticide handlers
- Protect fieldworkers

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History 1980-1988

- Revised and expanded Worker Safety regulations
- Medical supervision
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Field Re-entry
- Worker Re-entry Intervals

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History 1988

- U.S. EPA Worker protection Standard
- Encompasses all agricultural employees
- Including pesticide handlers

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History 1992

- California hazard Communications Regulations
- For field workers
- For handlers
- Equivalent to 1988 revisions of the federal Hazard Communications Standard

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History 1992

- Worker Protection Standard
- California sought "regulatory equivalency"
- U.S.EPA approved "regulatory equivalency"

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Worker Safety Regulations

- Apply only to employees
- While label requirements for pesticide safety and protective equipment
- Apply to all users - employers and employees

DISPLAY PSIS A-8:

Pesticide Safety Information Series # A-8 Hazard Communication Information for Employees Handling Pesticides.



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Hazard Communication Information for Employees Handling Pesticides.



APPLICATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Hazard Communications regulations require Specific application information. Handler and field worker employees have available



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Requirements after adoption of WPS
Grower shall display specific application information for own or contracted-handler employees field worker employees when on the agricultural establishment for 30 days after the REI.



MAINTAIN records accessible to employees:

Pesticide Use Records for pesticides handled by employees.
PSISs (applicable to pesticides used).
MSDSs for each pesticide listed in the pesticide use records.

INFORM

Employees before handling pesticides,
of the location and
availability of records, documents.
(Also, when/if location changes).

PROVIDE

Upon request by employee,
employee representative, or
employee's physician,
access to records,
documents within 48- hours.

DISPLAY "Application-Specific Information"

Identification of treated area.
Time and date of application.
Restricted Entry Interval (REI).
Product name,
EPA registration number,
Active ingredients.

DISPLAY "Application-Specific Information"

Within 24-hours of end of application
include applications within 1/4-mile
of where employees will be working
until area no longer meets "treated field"
definition (REI + 30 days),
OR handler-employees no longer on grower's property.
Copies of documents, pesticide use-records can be
used provided they contain all information required.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

In addition to current notification
requirements, growers must give
notification of applications
to own or contracted employees on, or
walking within 1/4 mile of
property to be treated,
during application and REI.
§ 6618 (b).

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Greenhouses :
by posting,
label will specify if oral notification is
also required.

Fields :
by oral notification and/or
by posting as specified in pesticide
labeling.

POSTING: FIELD AND GREENHOUSE, IN ADDITION TO NOTIFICATION

Post all greenhouse applications.
Post field applications when specified in pesticide labeling.
California regulations still require posting for all pesticide applications with a REI greater than 7 days. §6772.

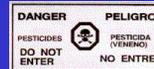
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POSTING: FIELD AND GREENHOUSE, IN ADDITION TO NOTIFICATION

California's posting sign format is different from federal WPS (Stern face, upraised hand) format.



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HANDLER TRAINING (1)

ASSURE handler-employees have been trained in required subject areas.
MAINTAIN written training program that describes materials and information used to train employees.
MAINTAIN written training program while in use (2 years).
COVER, for each pesticide, or similar group of pesticides to be used, the required subject areas.

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HANDLER TRAINING (2)

COMPLETE training before employee allowed to handle pesticides, continually update, and repeat at least annually.
MAINTAIN a training record for each handler employee.
USE a qualified trainer.



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COMMUNICATION IN THE WORKPLACE

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