Pesticide Safety

☐ Pesticides can poison people. They can enter the body through the eyes, nose, mouth or skin.

☐ Never smoke, drink or eat while working with pesticides. After finishing work with pesticides, wash hands thoroughly before going to the bathroom, eating or drinking.

☐ Always read the pesticide label and follow all label instructions. The label is the law. Keep all pesticides in fully labeled containers. Note the signal word.

   Signal words:
   Danger = high toxicity
   Warning = moderate toxicity
   Caution = low toxicity

☐ Always use all personal protective equipment (PPE) required on the pesticide label.
□ Measure pesticide precisely with specially marked utensils, so that you mix only the amount required for the job.

□ Be aware, PPE used during pesticide application may increase heat stress.

□ Put all pesticides in the rear section of the truck, never in the cabin. Make sure containers are in good condition before loading and well secured in the vehicle.

□ Accidental spills must be cleaned up. Remember: control, contain and clean.
  • Control: Wear PPE required by pesticide label, remain at site and keep people and animals away, and inform the supervisor.
  • Contain: Prevent the spread and cover spill with an absorbent material such as kitty litter.
  • Clean: Collect all the absorbent material and put it in a heavy-duty, leak free bag to be discarded correctly.
Any clothing worn while working with pesticides should be washed separately from all other clothing.

Review of the Worker Protection Standards

- Show workers where information about pesticide safety and emergency procedures is displayed at the workplace. This includes the location of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).

- Describe the medical assistance that will be provided in case of a work-related pesticide emergency.

- Show workers decontamination sites for washing pesticide residues off hands and body.

- Describe process for enforcing compliance with restricted entry intervals.

- Describe how workers will be notified about areas where pesticide application is taking place.

- Identify the trained and equipped pesticide handlers who will be present during pesticide application.

- Demonstrate and provide all PPE for handlers and workers who need to enter pesticide treated areas.

- Provide training for pesticide handlers on the safety and correct use of PPE during mixing, loading and application of all pesticides used.
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Supervisor: ________________________  Date: _________________

Employees:

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