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PESTICIDE USE REPORTING SYSTEM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I have to report?

Most likely, yes. Only two groups of people are not required to report their use of pesticides. One group consists of residents who use a pesticide within or around their residence. However, if you live on a farm where pesticides are used, the pesticide use associated with producing a crop must be reported but your use of pesticides in and around your residence is not to be reported.

The other group of people who are not required to report their pesticide use are those who only use an antimicrobial type pesticide. This pesticide type includes most products considered to be disinfectants.

Why do I have to report?

The 1999 Oregon Legislature passed legislation (Chapter 1059, Oregon Laws 1999) that requires all pesticide users to report their pesticide use to the Oregon Department of Agriculture. A pesticide user is defined in statute as any person who uses or applies a pesticide in the course of business or any other for profit enterprise, or for a government entity, or in a location intended for public use or access. If you fit this definition, you are required to report your use of pesticides to the Department. Only antimicrobial pesticide applications are exempt from reporting.

If I currently keep records, can I just send those records to the Department?

No. The Department was directed by the legislature to develop a web site, specific for pesticide users to submit their pesticide use information. The Department is also working to develop a way in which the records you have in an electronic database type file can be sent to the Department electronically. The process will require that the file is formatted according to a format that the Department specifies, and you must have all the information required under the reporting requirements.

If your records are not kept electronically, then you will either have to initiate an electronic reporting database (and you could initiate the same for your records), or you will have to use the Department's web site to enter your pesticide use reports. The Department has no means to accept paper reports.

Do I have to keep a separate record of the information I report?

No. The information that you are required to report can be part of the pesticide use records you may already be keeping, or may keep in the future. Work is underway to develop an electronic reporting method that will let you take the information required to be reported from your existing electronic records, and transfer that information to the department.

9/11/01

We would like to offer our deepest sympathies to the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Although these evil acts took place in cities far away, Oregonians face the same challenges as the entire country to prevent future tragedies. Please exercise additional precautions when securing fertilizers, highly-toxic pesticides, aerial application equipment, or any other items that could be used in a harmful manner.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is also requesting the assistance of all retailers of bagged ammonium nitrate or urea to be aware of anyone acting suspicious (such as trying to purchase products with cash, refusal to give contact information, etc.) and wishing to purchase either ammonium nitrate or urea. Should you be approached by such an individual or have already sold to such an individual, please call the FBI 1 (800) 800-3855 immediately.

For information on the "Be Aware for America" and "Be Secure" programs, which include free posters and brochures, please contact The Fertilizer Institute at (202) 962-0490.

TESTING TIP

Want to maximize your certification period? If you don't absolutely need to be licensed right away, consider qualifying for licensing **AFTER November 16**. If you pass your exam(s) before November 16, your first year of **certification** begins on the qualifying date in 2001, and

ends December 31, 2005, giving you four years plus the time between license issue and the end of the current year.

However, if you qualify for licensing during the period November 17 through December 31, your certification period begins on the qualifying date in 2001,



but ends December 31, 2006, giving you **five years** plus the time between your date of license issue and the end of year 2001. So, if you don't need to be licensed right away, consider qualifying after November 16 to maximize the period of time to obtain your required recertification credit hours. **Remember: your certification period starts when you** *qualify* **for licensing, NOT when you pay for it!**

LICENSING: PLAN AHEAD!

Does this sound familiar? Calls are pouring in from potential customers who are experiencing an outbreak of "bugs" in/around their homes, but you happen to be short-handed. You hire some new employees, but before they can apply pesticides they must first hold a valid Oregon Pesticide Applicator or Trainee License. You want your new employees out on the job site as soon as possible, but unless they are already licensed, it may take more time than you think. Licensing is not an instant process!

First, the applicant should prepare for examinations by obtaining and reviewing the recommended study materials. Next the applicant must pass the required examinations at one of the ODA testing centers. After taking the exams, allow approximately 5 working days for the results to be available via the Pesticide Web Page. If the applicant passed the required examinations an application form must be submitted and processed. The form is available on-line but it will also be mailed to you. The actual issuance of a license may take three to four more weeks. Special treatment is not given to those who call to beg or plead.

If you or new employees need to be licensed by a certain time, be sure to allow sufficient lead-time so the licensing process can be completed before pesticide applications are made. We have some changes in the works which may help reduce waiting time, however we will not be able to offer "instant licensing" anytime soon, so please Plan Ahead!

For recommended study materials, testing center locations or licensing information contact the Pesticides Division at 503-986-4635, or go to http://pesticide.oda.state.or.us/certification/Studylist/Exams.html

RECENT CIVIL PENALTIES ISSUED

| Party Cited | Violations | Fine | Disposition |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---|
| Truegreen Landcare, LLC | ORS 634.372(9), employ an unlicensed applicator. | \$300 | Not contested. Fine paid. Final Order issued. |
| Western Farm Service | ORS 634.372(8), no pesticide applicator license. | \$280 | Not contested. Fine paid. Final Order issued. |
| Nicholas F. Schott | ORS 634.372(8), no pesticide applicator license. | \$220 | Not contested. Fine paid. Final Order issued. |

CORE TRAINING SURVEY

Last summer the Pesticides Division sent out an informal survey to obtain a general picture of how Private Applicators felt about the core training requirement. We received over 1300 responses from a total of about 5400 surveys sent to Private Applicators; a splendid 24% return ratio!

To summarize the results, respondents favored the following concepts about core training:

- It should continue to be 4 hours
- A test should NOT replace core classes
- It should have standardized content
- It should allow a choice of different topics
- It keeps them up-to-date on relevant topics
- It should be required of all pesticide applicators and consultants

Comments:

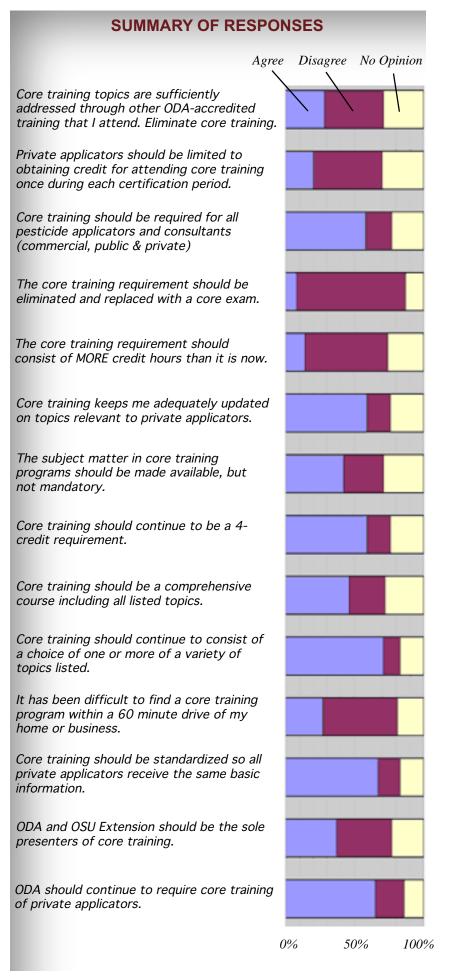
Question #1: What do you think the purpose of core training should be?

The majority of respondents felt that the purpose of core training was to update and review the current information on application, rules, regulations, health and environmental issues, etc. These comments agree with the stated purpose of core requirement in the regulations. Other ideas included presenting updates on new chemicals, training new applicators, and educating the general public.

Question #2: What would you add to the current core requirement to improve it?

A significant number of respondents indicated they were satisfied with the system as it is, however others suggested changes. Most were administrative (frequency, location and timing of presentations, etc.). Some suggested topical changes including: IPM, calibration, equipment, technology, violations and others. These topics are currently eligible for core accreditation.

So what does all this mean to applicators? Rest assured, changes will not be happening soon. The survey information will be helpful as we **consider** any changes in the future. In the near term, our intent is to share this information with those who have sponsored core training in the past year; we feel this feedback will be helpful as they develop their future training plans.



RECENT FERTILIZER VIOLATIONS

Products listed fell below investigational allowance in at least one element. They may also contain the advertised amounts of other elements not listed below.

| Manufacturer | Product Name | Е | G | A |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|------|-------|
| Agrium | 34-0-0 | N | 34 | 32.8 |
| Grow More | Grow More Research Farms Rose Food 4-6-2 | P ₂ O ₅ | 6 | 4.54 |
| Pacific Calcium | Natures Intent All Purpose Granulated 9-3-4 | Ca | 7 | 3.5 |
| Plantabbs Products | Pondtabbs 10-14-8 | Cu | 0.05 | 0.038 |
| Professional Turf Center | 16-16-16 | S | 5 | 2 |
| Professional | 23-3-22 | Fe | 2 | 1.3 |
| Turf Center | 23-3-22 | N | 23 | 21.9 |
| Professional | Planters II | Ca | 12 | 7.8 |
| Turf Center | Fianters II | S | 8 | 4.3 |
| Scotts Company | Bloom Booster 18-22-8 | P_2O_5 | 22 | 21 |
| Scotts | Proturf Contec | В | 0.02 | 0.014 |
| | Greens 19-2-15 | Mn | 0.05 | 0.04 |
| Company | Greens 19-2-13 | N | 19 | 17.90 |
| Swiss Farms | Kgro All Purpose Plant Food | Cu | 0.07 | 0.053 |
| Products | 15-30-15 | K_2O | 15 | 13.9 |
| Wilco Farmers | 10-34-0 Solution | N | 10 | 9.27 |
| Wilco Farmers | 19-28-3 Custom Mix | N | 19 | 17.9 |
| Wilco Farmers | 32-0-0 Solution | N | 32 | 29.5 |
| Wilco Farmers | Valley Choice 24-6-7 | N | 24 | 22.5 |
| Wilco Farmers | Wil-Grow | S | 2 | 1.8 |
| wilco raillers | 16-18-22 | Zn | 1 | 0.84 |
| Wolfkill Feed | Hi-School Pharmacy All | P_2O_5 | 16 | 13.5 |
| & Fertilizer | Purpose Plant Food 8-16-16 | N | 8 | 6.5 |

E=Element G=Guaranteed analysis, A=ODA lab results N=Total Nitrogen, P2O5=Available Phosphate, Ca=Calcium, Cu=Copper, S=Sulfur, Fe=Iron, B=Boron, Mn=Manganese, K2O=Soluble Potash, Zn=Zinc

CHECK YOUR CREDITS

About this time of year, many applicators start worrying about recertification credit hours. You may be wondering, "How many do I have?" or "How many do I need?" Well worry no more, because the answers are only a click away. You can view a copy of your credit hour report on line at: http://oda.state.or.us/cgi/fm/pest-stat/search.html
The reports are updated about once every two weeks.

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How do I Report and when can I start reporting my pesticide use to the Department?

Beginning January 1, 2002, you will be able to log into the pesticide use reporting web site and begin entering your pesticide use reports. This web site will be available through the main PURS web page http://purs.oda.state.or.us

What measures will be in place to ensure the privacy of those who report?

The law speaks to keeping confidential the identity of pesticide users and the location of the pesticide use. The reporting system being built is designed to keep such information confidential. Only specified Department staff working with the reporting system will have access to the data. While provisions exist for a limited release to qualified researchers, specific confidentiality requirements will be imposed.

What if someone does not report the required information?

The law specifically states that not reporting is a violation of law. Violations of this type are subject to enforcement action, which, depending upon the circumstance, could result in the Department issuing a notice of violation, a civil penalty, or a loss of pesticide-related licensing.

Does the proposed amendment to OAR 603-057-0006, Pesticide Registration Fees, apply to me?

Probably not. The proposed amendment to OAR 603-057-0006 applies only to the registrants of pesticide products, usually manufacturers or distributors of pesticide products. This is not a new fee, but a change in the fee amount. If you do not currently pay a pesticide product registration fee to the Department, then this amendment does not apply to you.

What about pesticide use by households?

People who use a pesticide product in and around their residence are not required to report their use. However, the law specifies that a method to gather information from households be developed. A detailed, statistically based survey will be designed for gathering very detailed information on household use of pesticides. The legislature has authorized funds sufficient to conduct this survey over one-fifth of the state each year.



Pesticides Superhero Guy says, "Before recycling or disposing of empty pesticide containers, rinse them as many times as needed to remove all of the residue."

UPCOMING RECERTIFICATION CLASSES

Search our website for the most up-to-date recertification class information- http://pesticide.oda.state.or.us

| Location | Course Title | Date(| (c) | Credits | Sponsor Name | Phone Number | | | |
|--|--|---|--|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Aurora | ES October Pest-Rodents | 10/11/01 | | 5 | Heidi Williams | (503) 678-1264 | | | |
| McMinnville | ES Grass Seed Grower Mtg. | 10/11/01 | | 2 | Susan Aldrich-Markham | (503) 434-8917 | | | |
| Sparks, NV | CAPCA Annual Conference | 10/15/01 | | V | Kimberly Crum | (916) 928-1625 | | | |
| Newport | OVMA Conference - PM | 10/17/01-10/19/01 | | V | Bill Reynolds | (541) 298-4110 | | | |
| Salem | CCC Private Applic. Trng | 10/17/01 &10/18/01 | | 6 | D Craig Anderson | (503) 399-5139 | | | |
| Aurora | ES October Pest-Spidermites | 10/18/01 | | 3 | Heidi Williams | (503) 678-1264 | | | |
| Beaverton | OROSHA HazCom | 10/18/01 | | 3 | Tomas Schwabe | (503) 947-7436 | | | |
| White City | RCC Pesticide Laws & Safety | 10/19/ | | 4 | Jeanne Howell | (541) 245-7900 | | | |
| Salem | CCC Core Sprayer Calibratn. | 10/20/ | | 4 | D Craig Anderson | (503) 399-5139 | | | |
| College Pk., GA | Arch Wood Preservation | 10/22/ | | 15 | Peter Osborne | (404) 362-3970 | | | |
| Hood River | OSWS Annual Mtg. | 10/23/01-1 | | V | Brian Wood | (541) 501-5804 | | | |
| Aurora | ES October Pest-Fungus Gnat | 10/25/ | | 3 | Heidi Williams | (503) 678-1264 | | | |
| New Orleans, LA | NPMA Pest Mgmt 2001 | 10/28/ | 01 | V | Cindy Kennedy | (703) 573-8330 | | | |
| Roseburg | ES Orchard Pest Mgmt Smnr. | 10/30/ | 01 | 4 | Steve Renquist | (541) 672-4461 | | | |
| Redding, CA | PAPA Seminar | 10/31/ | 01 | 6 | Charlotte Carson | (916) 487-8552 | | | |
| Portland | PNAAA Aerial App Conf | 11/05/01-1 | 1/06/01 | 11 | Linda Fender | (509) 397-4516 | | | |
| Oregon City | CLCC Insect Identification | 11/6/0 | 01 | 15 | Bruce Nelson | (503) 657-6958 x2786 | | | |
| Pendleton | OACFA Pesticide Stwdshp | 11/6/0 | 01 | 8 | Richard Kosesan | (503) 370-7024 | | | |
| Yakima, WA | WSWS Conference | 11/7/01-1 | 1/8/01 | V | Sheri Nolan | (509) 547-5538 | | | |
| Eugene | OACFA Pesticide Stwdshp | 11/7/0 | 01 | 8 | Richard Kosesan | (503) 370-7024 | | | |
| Wilsonville | OACFA Pesticide Stwdshp | 11/8/0 | 01 | 8 | Richard Kosesan | (503) 370-7024 | | | |
| Tampa, FL | PLCAA Lawn Care Meet | 11/10/ | 01 | 5 | Betsy Demord | (800) 458-3466 | | | |
| Atlanta, GA | IFC Food Pl. Pest Mgmt. | 11/13/ | 01 | 7 | Paul Laughlin | (913) 782-7600 | | | |
| Portland | WSU/IVMA Conference | 11/13/01-1 | | V | Carol Ramsay | (509) 335-9222 | | | |
| Seattle, WA | Target Gen. Pest Smnr. | 11/13/ | | 5 | Andrea Vogt | (800) 352-3870 | | | |
| Seattle, WA | Target Turf & Landscape | 11/13/ | | 5 | Andrea Vogt | (800) 352-3870 | | | |
| Chico, CA | PAPA Seminar | 11/15/ | | V | Charlotte Carson | (916) 487-8552 | | | |
| Portland | Target Gen. Pest Smnr. | 11/15/ | | 6 | Andrea Vogt | (800) 352-3870 | | | |
| Portland | Target Turf & Landscape | 11/15/ | | 6 | Andrea Vogt | (800) 352-3870 | | | |
| Woodburn | CCC Core Label Comp. Class | 11/17/ | | 4 | D Craig Anderson | (503) 399-5139 | | | |
| Salem | OROSHA WPS training | 11/21/ | | 4 | Tomas Schwabe | (503) 947-7436 | | | |
| Salem | CCC Core Env. Prot. Class | 11/27/01 & | | 4 | D Craig Anderson | (503) 399-5139 | | | |
| Seattle, WA | WSU Bulb Growers Meet. | 11/28/ | | 4 | Gary Chastagner | (253) 445-4528 | | | |
| Woodburn | CCC Core Ag Worker Safety | 11/30/ | | 4 | D Craig Anderson | (503) 399-5139 | | | |
| Salem | CCC Core Env. Prot. Class | 12/1/0 | | 4 | D Craig Anderson | (503) 399-5139 | | | |
| Salem | CCC Core IPM Trng | 12/4/01 & | | 4 | D Craig Anderson | (503) 399-5139 | | | |
| Bellevue, WA Salem | WWGCSA Golf Course Sup. | 12/04/01-1 | | 9 | Paul Blackman | (360) 705-3049 | | | |
| Salem | CCC Core Ag Worker Safety | 12/7/0 | | 4 | D Craig Anderson | (503) 399-5139 | | | |
| | CCC Private Applic. Trng | 12/8/0 | | 6 4 | D Craig Anderson | (503) 399-5139 | | | |
| Woodburn | CCC Core IPM Trng. | 12/8/0 | | | D Craig Anderson | (503) 399-5139 | | | |
| Ontario Ontario | TVCC Core Training TVCC Private Exam Prep | 12/18/ 12/19/ | | <u>4</u> 4 | Roger Findley Roger Findley | (541) 881-8822 (541) 881-8822 | | | |
| Eugene | OROSHA HazCom | 12/19/ | | 3 | Tomas Schwabe | (503) 947-7436 | | | |
| Salem | OROSHA WPS training | 11/21/ | | 4 | Tomas Schwabe | (503) 947-7436 | | | |
| Oregon City | CLCC Plant Disease ID | 1/8/0 | | 15 | Bruce Nelson | (503) 657-6958 x2786 | | | |
| Ontario | TVCC Core Training | 2/12/0 | | 4 | Roger Findley | (541) 881-8822 | | | |
| Ontario | TVCC Core Training TVCC Private Exam Prep | | | 4 | Roger Findley Roger Findley | (541) 881-8822 | | | |
| Salem | OROSHA HazCom | 2/14/02 3/13/02 | | 3 | Tomas Schwabe | (503) 947-7436 | | | |
| Portland | OROSHA HazCom | 3/13/02 4/24/02 | | 3 | Tomas Schwabe | (503) 947-7436 | | | |
| Eugene | OROSHA HazCom | 5/7/0 | | 3 | Tomas Schwabe | (503) 947-7436 | | | |
| McMinnville | ES Computer Pesticide Trng. | Call | | 2 | Susan Aldrich-Markham | (503) 434-8917 | | | |
| | Credits | Website Address | | | | | | | |
| FWAA Online IVM | ternet Training | 1 | http://www | w ctic nurdu | e.edu/cgi-bin/CEUIntro.exe | | | | |
| OROSHA PPE Trng. 203 (Oregon residents only) | | 3 | | | | ning/nages/203 htm | | | |
| Pestnetwork IPM Facets | | 1 | http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/educate/training/pages/203.htm http://www.pestnetwork.com | | | | | | |
| Pestnetwork IPM Field Crops | | 1 | http://www.pestnetwork.com | | | | | | |
| Pestnetwork IPM Field Crops Pestnetwork Ornamental Sucking Pests | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Pestnetwork Ornamental Sucking Pests Pestnetwork Pesticide Families | | 1 | http://www.pestnetwork.com | | | | | | |
| Pestnetwork Festicide Families Pestnetwork Environmental Protection | | 1 | http://www.pestnetwork.com http://www.pestnetwork.com | | | | | | |
| Pestnetwork Cockro | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Pestnetwork Wood | 1 | http://www.pestnetwork.com http://www.pestnetwork.com | | | | | | | |
| Pestnetwork Wood | | 1 | http://www.pestnetwork.com | | | | | | |
| Pestnetwork Turf Pe | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Somethork Tuff I C | | | http://www.pestnetwork.com | | | | | | |

24(C) OR SPECIAL LOCAL NEED (SLN) PESTICIDE REGISTRATIONS

Activities from July 2001 - September 2001

| GRANTED | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Registrant/Product | EPA I | Reg # | eg # Site | | OR SLN # | Pest | Pest | | |
| USDA - APHIS /Compound DRC-1339 Concentrate | 5622 | .8-30 apples in Umati | | Umatilla County | OR-010024 | magpi | magpies | | |
| Makhteshim-Agan /Galigan 2E | 6622 | 22-28 raspberry | | OR-010025 | 0025 primocane suppression | | suppression | | |
| Makhteshim-Agan /Galigan 2E | 6622 | 2-28 | blackberry | y | OR-010026 | primo | primocane suppression | | |
| Makhteshim-Agan /Galigan 2E | 6622 | 2-28 | grapes - w | vine & processing | OR-010027 | sucker | sucker control | | |
| Makhteshim-Agan /Galigan 2E | 6622 | 2-28 | grass grov | wn for seed | OR-010028 | weeds | weeds | | |
| Griffin/Direx 4L | 1812 | -257 | triticale | | OR-010029 | weeds | weeds | | |
| Griffin/Karmex DF | 1812 | -362 | triticale | | OR-010030 | weeds | weeds | | |
| Aventis /Hoelon 3EC | 264- | 641 | triticale | | OR-010031 | weeds | | | |
| Aventis /Bonate | 264- | 438 | triticale | | OR-010032 | weeds | weeds | | |
| Griffin/ManKocide | 1812 | -360 | carrots gre | own for seed | OR-010033 | bacter | bacterial blight | | |
| Valent/Orthene 75 S | 5963 | 9-26 | carrots gre | own for seed | OR-010034 | lygus | lygus bug & green peach aphid | | |
| Valent/Orthene 97 | 5963 | 9-91 | carrots gre | own for seed | OR-010035 | lygus | lygus bug & green peach aphid | | |
| | | | | PENDING | | · | | | |
| Registrant/Product EF | | | A Reg # | Site | | | | Pest | |
| BASF/Prowl 3.3 EC 24 | | | clover grown for seed | | | | | dodder | |
| Entek Corp/Engame Herbicide 68 | | | 891-8 hybrid poplars weeds | | | weeds | | | |
| Rohm and Haas/Dithane DF Rainsheild 7 | | | 7-180 many small seeded vegetables grown for seed various diseases | | | | | various diseases | |
| | | | | DENIED | | | | | |
| Registrant/Product EPA Re | | | A Reg # | g# Site Reason | | | son | | |
| Micro Flo /Endosulfan 3EC | | 51 | 1036-92 hybrid Poplars | | no d | | no d | ata | |
| Bayer/Aztec 2.1% G | | 3125-539 sweet corn | | lack of | | of EPA review | | | |
| Wilbur Ellis/Copper 3 Dust | | | None | apricots, nectarine | , peaches pears no data | | ata | | |
| | | Ţ | OLUNTA | RY CANCELLATI | ION | | | | |
| Registrant/Product | EPA Re | g # | Site | | OR SLN # | | | Reason | |
| Gowan/Imidan 70 WSB | 10163-1 | 84 | blueberries | | OR-94004 | 940044 | | similar uses available | |
| Gowan/Imidan 70 WSB | 10163-1 | 10163-184 pine | | pine Trees | | OR-940046 | | er Imidan 70 WP | |
| Gowan/Imidan 70 WSB | 10163-1 | 10163-184 ornament | | al and shade trees | OR-94004 | 8 | or Imidan 70W | | |
| Gowan/Imidan 70 WSB | 10163-1 | 84 | sweet che | rries | OR-94005 | 0 | | | |
| SIGNIFICANT REVISIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Registrant/Product | EPA R | eg# | Site | | OR SLN # | Revisio | n | | |
| Syngenta/Palisade | 100-9 | 949 grass gr | | grass grown for seed | | addition | of ta | all fescue | |
| Riverside Terra/Diuron 80 DF | 9779-3 | 318 | grass grow | n for Seed | OR-920023 | OR-920023 new registrant name | | nt name: Agriliance | |
| Riverside Terra/Diuron 80 4L | 9779-3 | 329 | grass grow | n for Seed | OR-940025 | new reg | gistrar | nt name: Agriliance | |

FIND THE CLASSES

Not only can you look your credit hour summary report online, but you can also find interesting recertification classes to attend to fulfill your requirement. If you get the newsletter in hard copy format, the class list on page 5 may already be outdated. Go on-line to search for classes by date, county or class name:

http://www.oda.state.or.us/cgi/fm/recertclasses/Search.html

NEW PESTICIDE BROCHURE

Certain formulations of broadleaf herbicides can volatilize and injure non-target plants. Find out more in a free copy of "Take Care While Using Broadleaf Herbicides." Call (503) 986-4635 or visit http://pesticide.oda.state.or.us on the web to download a copy.

ASK DARTH RESPIRATOR

Q: What are the most common respirators used while applying pesticides?

Most commonly, negative-pressure respirators are used for protecting you from pesticides. With negative pressure respirators, each time you take a breath, the air gets pulled through a filter, thus providing clean air. These respirators must fit tightly to the contours of your face otherwise contaminated air will leak in when you breathe. Respirators with tight-fitting facepieces must <u>not</u> be worn by anyone who has facial hair <u>or</u> any condition that interferes with the face-to-facepiece seal or valve function!





Half face respirators and dust masks are common types of negative-pressure respirators

Q: How do I know what type of respirator is required for the pesticide I am using?

Read the Label! The pesticide label may require a half-face respirator, full-face respirator, dust mask or another type of respirator such as a supplied air respirator. It will also tell you the type of filter needed. Dust masks are usually only good for filtering particles, while other filters can be used for pesticide vapors. If the pesticide label does not have a respirator requirement then you do not need one.

Q: How long can I use the respirator before I need to change its cartridges?

The length of time a respirator can be worn before replacing cartridges depends on the type of cartridge and type of use. As a general rule, replace cartridges whenever the manufacturer recommends replacement, you begin to smell pesticide odor, or breathing becomes difficult.

Q: How can I keep my respirator working well?

Clean and disinfect regularly. If several people use the same respirator, clean and disinfect between each user. Inspect its overall condition before each use, including head straps, valves and cartridges. Check plastic and rubber parts for pliability and signs of deterioration. Store in a clean area away from chemical storage where temperatures are not extreme and the rubber will not become deformed.

Q: Can I wear a respirator if it does not call for one on the label?

Although not prohibited, wearing a respirator is not necessary for every pesticide. In fact, more physical effort is required when breathing through a respirator. Strained breathing could lead to fatigue or could aggravate more serious conditions like heat stroke or heart attacks. Before starting the job, you should weigh these risks against the protective benefits of wearing the respirator.

Q: What if the respirator makes me look like a wimp?

I, Darth Respirator, wear a respirator and I am not a wimp! Thus, you should always wear the respirator if it says so on the label.

DRAFT DRIFT GUIDELINES

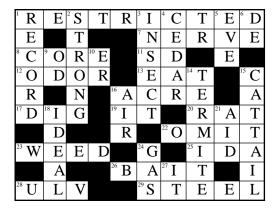
Drift continues to be a serious issue concerning the pesticide industry. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a draft document that, if approved, will require certain drift-control statements on each pesticide product label. This document outlines what drift is, what products require anti-drift statements, and other drift-related information.

The proposed statements are primarily intended to provide applicators with an understanding of how to avoid situations that lead to drift, but they also will serve a second important purpose. In Oregon, cases of drift are usually enforced under state law, but some other states do not have laws that prohibit drift. Thus, when these statements appear on more labels, these states will be able to pursue enforcement against those who drift.

For more information, including the actual statements, find the draft PR Notice on the internet: http://www.epa.gov/opppmsd1/PR Notices/prdraft-spraydrift801.htm

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CURRENT ACTIVE AND PENDING SECTION 18 EXEMPTIONS

The Oregon Department of Agriculture received 33 Section 18 requests from the grower community for uses of pesticides to control emergency pest problems during the 2001 growing season. All of these requests were submitted for review by the U.S. EPA. As of October 1, 2001, EPA has approved 27 and denied four of our requests, and two remain under review. A majority of the approved exemptions have already expired, but those remaining in effect or pending an EPA decision are listed below.

| Crop | Pest | Trade Name | EPA Reg. # | Oregon ID# | Effective Dates | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|--|
| Asparagus | Yellow nutsedge | Sandea | 10163-254 | 2001OR018 | 06/12/01 - 10/31/01 | |
| Christmas trees (true fir) | Root aphids | Aphistar 50 WSP | Not registered | 2001OR016 | 05/21/01 - 10/31/01 | |
| Cranberries | Lotus, clovers, Douglas aster | Stinger | 62719-73 | None | 01/01/01 - 12/31/01 | |
| Honey bees | Varroa mite and small hive beetle | CheckMite+ Bee Hive Pest Strips | Not registered | 2001OR001 | 02/01/01 - 02/01/02 | |
| Mint (east of Cascades only) | Redroot pigweed, kochia | Prowl 3.3 EC | 241-337 | 2001OR003 | 02/01/01 - 12/31/01 | |
| Peas, green & dry, for seed only | Broadleaf weeds, harvest aid | Gramoxone Max | 10182-372 | 2001OR021 | 06/15/01 - 11/30/01 | |
| Potatoes (in storage) | Late blight | Purogene | 9804-5 | 2001OR023 | 09/12/01 - 08/31/02 | |
| Potatoes (in storage) | Late blight | Anthium 200 | 9150-3 | 2001OR024 | 09/12/01 - 08/31/02 | |
| Strawberries | Broadleaf weeds | Spartan 4F | 279-3189 | 2001OR011 | 04/18/01 - 01/31/02 | |
| Wheat | Jointed goatgrass | Olympus 70 WDG | Not registered | | PENDING | |
| Wheat & Triticale | Annual ryegrass | Axiom DF | 3125-488 | | PENDING | |