

WS Directive

2.415 02/18/04

M-44 USE AND RESTRICTIONS

1. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the use of the M-44 device by WS personnel.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This directive replaces ADC Directive 2.415 dated 4/08/94.

3. POLICY

The M-44 device may only be used for control of coyotes, red and gray foxes, and feral dogs that depredate livestock, poultry, and federally designated threatened and endangered species and that are vectors of communicable diseases. M-44's must be used in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 26 use restrictions.

M-44 sodium cyanide capsules labeled with EPA Registration No. 56228-15 containing blaze-orange marker particles produced by the Pocatello Supply Depot (PSD) are for WS official use only. M-44 capsules labeled with an individual State's registration containing light yellow marker particles produced by the PSD are not authorized for WS use.

All M-44 ejectors used by WS personnel will be stamped, marked, or engraved with "US Gov't" or "Property of U.S."

All M-44 applicators will physically inventory M-44 capsules under their control at least twice a year using the Controlled Material Inventory Tracking System. Supervisors will review inventory records during the yearly field inspections and during the yearly physical inventory for accuracy. Inventory records may be reviewed more often by supervisors and managers when deemed necessary. For inventory purposes, sodium cyanide capsules that have been discharged/fired (no contents left in capsule) will not be considered part of the pesticide inventory and will be reported as used or discharged on inventory reports. Only capsules that contain sodium cyanide in the capsules will be reported as part of the available inventory.

Any toxic or adverse human effect which occurs to WS personnel, cooperators, or the public involving the use, storage, or

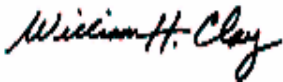
disposal of sodium cyanide is to be immediately reported to the appropriate State Director and Director. The Director will determine if the incident should be reported to the EPA and to the Director of Environmental Services, APHIS.

4. REFERENCES

WS Directive 2.401, Pesticide Use (02/17/04).

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.), as amended.

40 CFR Part 153.75 - Toxic or Adverse Effect Incident Reports
(a)(1)(i) through (iii).



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