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Memorandum

To: Service Directorate

From: Deputy Director 

Subject: Integrated Pest Management Plans and Pesticide Use Proposals: Updates, Guidance, and an Online Database

Policies of the Department of the Interior and the Fish and Wildlife Service instruct us to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as a strategy for managing pest species (517 DM 1, 30 AM 12, 7 RM 14, and 620 FW 1). The Service uses pesticides as one tool in an IPM approach for management of invasive species, vectors, and agricultural pests; endangered species protection; and other management purposes.

To ensure pesticides are used safely and effectively on Service lands and facilities and to help us meet legal mandates, please see the attached Department and Service pest management policies, along with the following: (1) guidance for writing and implementing IPM plans, (2) an updated Pesticide Use Proposal (PUP) template and instructions, and (3) an updated list of pesticides requiring Washington Office (WO) review. All of these documents are also available on the Intranet at <http://sii.fws.gov/r9dec/#Pest>.

Over the past few years, field, regional, and WO staffs have collaborated to promote IPM, to update and streamline the PUP process, and to develop an online database for entering PUPs and tracking pesticide usage and other IPM practices. Some of the goals of these efforts include the following: (1) delegate PUP review authority to the Regions for pesticides that have a low probability of negatively impacting non-target organisms or the environment, (2) encourage training for staff involved in IPM and pesticide use, (3) create a standardized procedure for documenting pesticide use on Service lands and facilities, and (4) promote the development and implementation of IPM approaches for all areas of pest management.

The IPM and PUP Intranet-based database will be available for 2004 submissions at <http://sii.fws.gov/r9dec/PUPs/index.cfm>. Stations will be able to complete the PUP via an online form, which will be automatically forwarded to the appropriate reviewer. All PUPs will be reviewed in the Region to ensure completeness and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidance. The National IPM Coordinator will review PUPs for a subset of pesticides (list attached). In 2006, stations will submit their PUPs via the online database, except for those stations without access to the database, for whom an electronic version of the PUPs will continue to be available.

In order to achieve IPM goals, Service facilities are encouraged to develop and implement IPM plans for their priority pest species. Stations also can submit their IPM plans via the online database. Some PUPs requiring WO review may receive 5-year approvals corresponding with the Comprehensive Conservation Plan review cycle if (1) the Station has an approved IPM plan that follows the attached IPM guidance; (2) the PUPs appended to the IPM plan are accurate, complete, and comply with all applicable authorities; and (3) actual pesticide usage is reported to the WO annually. IPM plans with pesticides that require WO review will require approval by the National IPM Coordinator; such approval will be done in consultation with the Regional IPM Coordinator and Refuges Environmental Contaminants Coordinator. Approval of all other IPM plans will occur at the Regional level.

Regional Directors should submit the names of the Regional Integrated Pest Management Coordinators to the Division of Environmental Quality within 30 days after the date of this memorandum. If additional information is required, please contact Everett Wilson, Chief, Division of Environmental Quality, at 703-358-2148, or Linda Lyon, Refuges Environmental Contaminants Coordinator, at 703-358-2381.

6 Attachments

- DOI Pesticide Use Policy 517 DM 1
- DOI/FWS Pest Management Policy and Responsibilities 30 AM 12
- DOI/FWS Refuge Manual Pest Control 7 RM 14
- DOI/FWS Integrated Pest Management
- DOI/FWS Pesticide Use Proposal Template and Instructions
- DOI/FWS Washington Office Pesticide Review and Exemptions