Department of Environmental Health & Safety

Pesticide Worker Safety Checklist

This checklist is designed to allow you to evaluate your pesticide program for compliance with California Department of Pesticide Regulation requirements on worker safety training, record keeping, and hazardous communications. By completing this checklist you will be able to verify each category of the regulations. If that requirement is not met, answer "no." This information should be used to correct the problem and keep your unit/department in compliance. If you are not sure what needs to be done to meet a particular requirement, contact EHS for assistance. This checklist is designed to assist any unit/department of the University in becoming and remaining in compliance with all California State pesticide regulations.

			WORKER SAFETY: PESTICIDE HANDLERS	
YES	**NO**	**1.0**	**General**	
☐	☐	1.1	Is there a person with a Qualified Applicator's Certificate (Silver Card) in charge of pesticide operations?	
☐	☐	1.2	Is the certificate (Silver Card) for categories D (Farm and Biological Sciences) or B (Plant Operations)?	
☐	☐	1.3	Are the categories appropriate for the type of work being done?	
☐	☐	1.4	Are the Pesticide Safety Information Series posted and available to employees?	
☐	☐	1.5	Are MSDSs posted and available?	
☐	☐	1.6	Is continuing education being kept current? Date of last: _____	
YES	**NO**	**2.0**	**Recordkeeping**	
☐	☐	2.1	Is there a worker safety training record for each employee who might use pesticides during the course of work duties?	
☐	☐	2.2	Is the employee's name and job duties listed on the record?	
☐	☐	2.3	Has the employee signed the record?	
☐	☐	2.4	Is the name of the trainer listed on the record?	
☐	☐	2.5	Has the trainer signed the record?	
☐	☐	2.6	Are the pesticides which may be used by the employee listed on the record?	
☐	☐	2.7	Is the date of training shown on the record?	
☐	☐	2.8	Is the date of annual retraining shown on the record?	
☐	☐	2.9	Are training records kept for two years?	
YES	**NO**	**3.0**	**Training**	
☐	☐	3.1	Are all employees trained prior to using pesticides?	
☐	☐	3.2	Is there a written program for worker safety training?	
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	3.3	Are the following topics covered in training? a) Potential and long term health hazards b) Safety procedures c) Use of clothing and personal protective equipment	

YES	NO	3.0	Training
☐	☐		d) Use, care, maintenance, and limitations or respiratory equipment
☐	☐		e) Laws, regulations, and label requirements
☐	☐		f) Need for immediate decontamination of skin and eyes
☐	☐		g) Common pesticide poisoning symptoms
☐	☐	3.4	Is the Hazard Communication Written Training Program filled out?
☐	☐	3.5	Is the hazardous communication program accessible to employees?
☐	☐	3.6	Does the hazardous communication program list training materials (such as video tapes, audio tapes, or slides)?
☐	☐	3.7	Are the materials appropriate to the pesticide program in the unit/department?
☐	☐	3.8	Is the training program specific to pesticides used in the unit/department?

YES	NO	4.0	Medical Monitoring
☐	☐	4.1	Is the name, address, and phone number of the emergency care facility posted at the headquarters?
☐	☐	4.2	Is there a written operation program for the selection, fitting, cleaning, sanitizing, inspecting and maintaining of respiratory equipment?
☐	☐	4.3	Is there a signed statement of medical condition for each employee who used a respirator?
☐	☐		If the answer to 4.3 is yes, is there a copy of the doctor's report attached?
☐	☐	4.4	Is there a cholinesterase level monitoring program in place for those employees who might handle category 1 or 2 carbonate or organophosphate type pesticides for more than 6 days out of 30?

YES	NO	5.0	Hazard Communication
☐	☐	5.1	Is the Hazard Communication Information for Employees Working in Fields (A-9 series) available?
☐	☐	5.2	Is there a procedure to ensure that students, field workers, and others who may enter any field have read the A-9 series?
☐	☐	5.3	Is there a record (Pesticide Use Reports) of all pesticide applications for each field which may have been treated with pesticide?
☐	☐	5.4	Are copies of Pesticide Use Reports kept for two years?
☐	☐	5.5	Is there a written notification procedure for notification of CSU, Chico personnel by the contract pest control applicator?
☐	☐	5.6	Do all field workers have access to the crop sheets (when available from the Department of Pesticide Regulation)?