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Community Pesticide News

Authorization Renewals: As mentioned in previous updates, the GRIC Pesticide Control Office will no longer be sending hardcopy authorization (Permit, Registration, and Certification) renewals via the USPS.

Renewal reminders will be sent to the email of your designated Point of Contact from previous year(s) applications.

Authorization renewal forms for businesses and individuals, along with payment information can be found on our website at:

<https://www.gricdeq.org/pesticide-authorizations>

Please note: **All Pesticide Use Permits expire on December 31st.** Therefore, to ensure you do not experience a lapse in authorization, please have your application and fees submitted as early as possible. GR-004-22, Pesticide Code, allows our office to process applications up to 90 days prior to the expiration of your current permit.

All authorizations are **“issued once all application requirements are met and become effective on the day of issuance or as otherwise noted.”** GR-004-22, Section 18.303(A)(1).

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National Pesticide News

EPA Releases Report as Part of Agency Efforts to Optimize Pesticide Registration Processes

<https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/pria-5-process-assessment-report>

EPA Genetically Engineered Female Mosquitoes for Mosquito Control

<https://www.epa.gov/sap/peer-review-white-paper-genetically-engineered-female-mosquitoes-mosquito-control>

Compliance Assistance Corner

Water for Decontamination, How Much is Enough?

The amount of water required for decontamination purposes varies based upon your activity and which applicable law it falls under.

Non-Agricultural Use: If your activity is considered "Non-Agricultural Use" as defined at §18.302(A)(33), the amount of water required to be within ready access of the applicator is found under the Tribal Pesticide Code, GR-004-22, §18.306(B)(5)(a). It states that a minimum of one gallon of water must be within ready access of the person using a pesticide for decontamination purposes.



Agricultural Use: If your activity is considered "Agricultural Use" as defined at §18.302(A)(6), the amount of water required to be within ready access of the applicator falls under the Worker Protection Standard, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 170.



The CFR is much more detailed and is based upon whether the person and the activity they are performing classifies them as a Worker or Handler. These decontamination water requirements are found under 40 CFR 170.411 and 40 CFR 170.509.

In short, one gallon of water per Worker and three gallons of water per Handler is required at the beginning of each work period for routine and emergency decontamination.

Regardless of whether your activity is considered Agricultural or Non-Agricultural, decontamination water should be safe, cool enough for washing and drinking, and separate from water used for mixing unless additional measures are taken to ensure safety.

Eyewash, is it Needed and How much is Enough?

In 2022, the Community's Pesticide Code aligned the eyewash requirements with the federal requirements under 40 CFR 170. When a pesticide label requires Protective Eyewear, an eyewash is required for decontamination §18.306(B)(5)(c).

“An emergency eyewash station capable of delivering gently running water at a rate of at least 0.4 gallons per minute for at least 15 minutes, or at least six gallons of water in containers suitable for providing a gentle eye-flush for about 15 minutes when applied pesticides require protective eyewear for use;”

Can your one or three gallons of water for general decontamination purposes be used to meet eyewash requirements if applicable? The short answer is that it will be counted towards meeting both requirements.



Are you Wearing the Correct Gloves?

Our Inspectors are identifying a growing number of applicators lately who are not wearing the appropriate gloves according to the pesticide product's label. Remember, the label is the Law. Please note that when a product label requires "Chemical-resistant gloves" and states specifics regarding what is considered chemical-resistant, to include a minimum thickness of glove material, this must also be followed. For example, this excerpt from a common pesticide label:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Some materials that are chemical-resistant to this product are: barrier laminate, butyl rubber ≥ 14 mils, nitrile rubber ≥ 14 mils. If you want more options, follow the instructions for Category A on an EPA Chemical Resistance Category Selection Chart.

Mixers, Loaders, Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Coveralls over short-sleeved shirt and short pants or coveralls over long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves
- Chemical-resistant footwear plus socks
- Protective eyewear
- Chemical-resistant headgear for overhead exposure
- Chemical-resistant apron when cleaning equipment, mixing, or loading
- Face shield when mixing or loading



Common disposable nitrile gloves, similar to those used in the healthcare industry are generally less than five mils thick and are not considered sufficiently chemical resistant to this product. 14+ mil gloves are thicker, typically extend part way up the person's forearm, are often reusable, and will likely have markings on the gloves themselves indicating their thickness and resiliency to chemicals.

If you are an employer or supervisor, please take inventory of the products your applicators are using and their PPE requirements. The excerpt above is from a product whose active ingredient is Diquat dibromide and whose Safety Data Sheet contains the following Hazard Statements and Symbols:

Hazard Statements:

May be corrosive to metals
Harmful if swallowed
Causes eye irritation
Toxic if inhaled
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

Hazard Symbols:



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email, or both!



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