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Gila River Indian Community

Department of Environmental Quality

Pesticide Control Office

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## Pesticide Program Updates

**Authorization Renewals:** As mentioned in previous updates, we 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 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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# Website and Aerial Notification Application:

In the coming months, the Department of Environmental Quality will kickstart a project to give our Department website, [www.GRICDEQ.org](http://www.GRICDEQ.org) a facelift.

Although we do not anticipate interruptions in service, hiccups are possible. We ask for your patience during this time and please reach out to us if you observe any broken links or missing information.

As part of this larger project, we hope to relocate and refresh our Aerial Notification Application. Those directly affected, such as commercial applicators who provide notification data of planned aerial applications of pesticide and fertilizer, will be provided additional information and instruction.



### BACKGROUND

As an agricultural community, the need to regulate pesticide use was formalized in 1981 when the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) adopted its first pesticide code. Doing so established the Pesticide Control Office who later sought support from the Environmental Protection Agency through a cooperative agreement.

This effectively made GRIC one of the first tribes in the nation to address the potential risks caused by pesticides. In 1995, the program was housed under the newly created Department of Environmental Quality and the pesticide code was revised. Through further amendments and revisions, the pesticide code expanded to enhance provisions regarding non-agricultural pesticide activities and reflect federal rule changes.

Since its inception, the Pesticide Control Office has worked to reduce pesticide related risks, such as illness and injury to pesticide workers, handlers, applicators, and the Community's residents, employees, and visitors.

The pesticide control office accomplishes this in part by:

- Managing an Environmental Protection Agency Pesticide Consolidated Cooperative Agreement.

LEGISLATION
AUTHORIZATIONS / PAYMENTS
PESTICIDE INCIDENT AND REE NUISANCE REPORTING
WORKPLACE PROTECTION STANDARD (WPS)
AIRIAL APPLICATION NOTIFICATIONS
CURRENT ISSUES

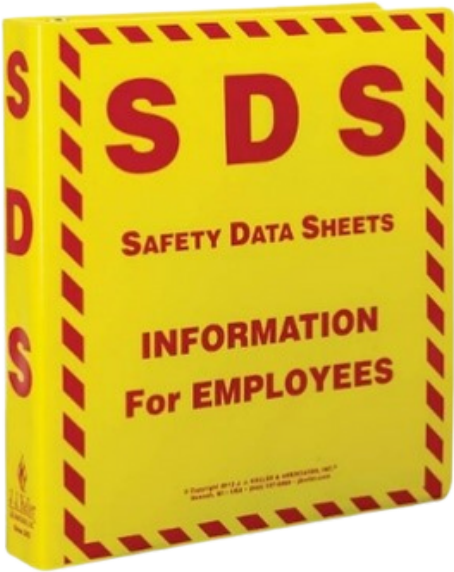




# Compliance Assistance Corner

## Ready Access to Pesticide Safety Data Sheets:

Along with ready access to the applied pesticide's label, an applicator must also have ready access to the pesticide's Safety Data Sheet (SDS), formerly called a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). Both can be either a hardcopy or electronically accessible via a smartphone. If accessible from a smartphone, our Office's inspectors will ask your applicator during the course of an inspection to demonstrate their ability to access the pesticide's label or its SDS. Please ensure your applicators are trained accordingly. GR-004-22, Section 18.306(3).



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**Form 1080**

Seller: \_\_\_\_\_ PGP # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grower: \_\_\_\_\_ PGP # \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pest Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_ PMA Area: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Harvest Date				Label and Worker Safety Recency Interval				Label Date to Harvest				Pesticide Application Date					
Year	Month	Day	Time	Range	Active	Range	Active	Year	Month	Day	Time	Range	Active	Year	Month	Day	Time

Additional Field Descriptions:

Product/Brand Name	EPA Registration Number	Active Ingredient	Pest & Use of Measure/Amount	Total Chemical

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Label Restrictions/Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Custom Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Delivery Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grower/Pesticide Adaptor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ PGP/PCA Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspector/Inspector's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ PGP/PCA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**A.A.C. 18-309 PESTICIDE APPLICATION REPORT**  
The undersigned, hereby, certifies that an application of pesticides was made by the designated applicator in strict compliance with the above recommendation and instructions on the label and under the conditions specified below:

Equipment Tag #	Type of Application	Wind Direction & Velocity	Season Applied

Deviation from Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PGP/PCA # \_\_\_\_\_  
Grower/Applicator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ PGP/PCA # \_\_\_\_\_  
Pest Operator/Inspector Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AARS \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITHIN THE THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS IN WHICH AN APPLICATION WAS COMPLETED.**

Copy Distribution: Two Copies to Applicator - One Copy to Adaptor - One Copy to Seller - One Copy to Grower - One Copy to ADA. Aug 1980 - REV. 8/22/2017

## Reporting Completed Pesticide Applications:

Applicators who conduct pesticide applications which involve restricted use pesticides, fumigants, or any pesticide applied within an agricultural setting (regardless if private or commercial); must submit completed records of the application to the Office within 30 calendar days of the application. GR-004-22, Section 18.310(B)(2). The contents of those records can be found in GR-004-22 Section 18.309, Recordkeeping Requirements. Records can be submitted to our Office's general email: [GRIC.Pesticide.Office@gric.nsn.us](mailto:GRIC.Pesticide.Office@gric.nsn.us).



## **Spill Response Action Plans:**

In the event of a pesticide spill, do you or your applicators know what steps to take to Control, Contain and Clean Up the spill? Do you or your applicator have the tools necessary to implement the plan?

For example, if your plan consists of using absorbent material, you may want to ask yourself before performing the pesticide activity: Is absorbent material available and serviceable in the event it is needed? How is the material to be disbursed or deployed? How is used material to be collected and disposed of? Where is used material disposed of? At what point do you seek assistance or report the spill?


These are just some of the elements our Office's inspectors are looking for during the course of an inspection to verify compliance with the Code's requirement for a Spill Response Action Plan. GR-004-22, Section 18.306(B)(5)

## **A Clean Change of Clothes:**

Working with pesticides on a daily basis requires applicators; when handling, loading or mixing pesticides, to be prepared for the worst. As an applicator, what would you do if you were to get pesticides on your clothes? Would you wear your soiled clothes home, potentially leaving residues in your vehicle or track them into your home to your family?

Pesticide labels require you to wear Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) specific for the pesticide you are working with. Remember, the label is the law. However, there are also Tribal requirements for PPE, especially when it comes to decontamination. One of the requirements is for the applicator have a clean change of clothes readily available at the location of pesticide use. GR-004-22, Section 18.306(B)(5)(b).

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## GRIC DEQ Smartphone App

Receive Aerial Pesticide  
and Fertilizer Application  
updated by text message,  
email, or both!



[Click here](#)  
(Web Based App/No  
Phone)

As an applicator, you run the greatest risk of exposure when you mix and load a pesticide. Activities such as repairing or maintaining application equipment or when cleaning up spills also have the potential to get pesticides on your person and therefore your clothes.

As part of decontaminating yourself, having an extra set of clean clothes readily available will help ensure that, your soiled clothes do not remain in contact with your skin or that pesticides spread to other areas.

### **Gila River Indian Community Online Payment Portal**

You can now pay permit, registration or certification fees by CCARD through the internet, telephone, or via mail.

<https://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/about-us/payment-options>

Cashier's Office: (520) 562-9676  
(Mention our Accounting Code: DEQ35)

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