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CHAPTER 3. PESTICIDES

18.301. General Provisions.

A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide minimum performance standards for the proper use, handling, storage, sale, production, and transportation of pesticides. This chapter is also designed to prevent and minimize environmental degradation and contamination of natural resources; and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the members, nonmembers, residents, and employees of the Gila River Indian Community. This chapter is intended to achieve these purposes through establishing authorizations, standards, and requirements.

B. **Authority.**

The Community enacts this chapter under its inherent civil legislative, adjudicative, and regulatory authority and pursuant to the express delegation of authority by Congress under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, Act of June 18, 1934, c. 576, 48 Stat. 984 (1934) (codified as amended at 25 U.S.C. § 5101 *et seq.* (2018)) which provides the Community authority to organize, adopt the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community (March 17, 1960), and to enact laws and ordinances governing conduct within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, 25 U.S.C. § 5123.

A copy of this proposed ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinator's offices and the Community Council Secretary's office.

It is anticipated that this proposed ordinance will be considered by the Legislation Standing Committee Meeting during the regularly scheduled meeting on October 11th at 1:00pm, Community Council Secretary's Office, Conference Room "B&C".

Community members may comment on the proposed ordinance at the Legislative Standing Committee meeting or by contacting their Councilmember(s) and/or the chairperson of the Committee. Comments may also be sent to the Department of Environmental Quality, Pesticide Control Office at: P.O. Box 2139, Sacaton, AZ 85147.