Laws and Regulation 2024 updates

County of Riverside
Agricultural Commissioners Office

Laws and Regulations Updates

- Handler Training, Title 3 California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) § 6724
- Certification of Pesticide Applicators
- Diphacinone Update (Revision to Food and Agricultural Code(FAC) § 12978.7)

Guidelines for Establishing a Pesticide Handlers Training Program Compliant with the Title 3 CCR § 6724

Pesticide Training Employer's Written Handler Training Program (continued)

(Name of Employer)

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Yes No	Safety requirements and procedures, including engineering controls (such as closed mixing systems and enclosed eabs) for handling, transporting, storing, disposing of pesticides, and spill clean-up
Yes No	Where and in what forms pesticides may be encountered, including treated surfaces, residues on clothing, PPE, application equipment, and drift
Yes No	Hazards of pesticides, including acute, chronic, and delayed effects, and sensitization effects, as identified in pesticide product labeling, Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), or Pesticide Safety Information Series (PSIS) leaflets.
Yes No	Routes by which pesticides can enter the body
Yes No	Signs and symptoms of overexposure
Yes No	Routine decontamination procedures when handling pesticides, including that employees should: A. Wash hands before eating, drinking, using the toilet, chewing gum, or using tobacco: B. Thoroughly wash or shower with soap and water; C. Change into clean clothes as soon as possible; and D. Wash work clothes separately from other laundry before wearing them again.

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Definition of Handler

"Handler" means:

- Mixing, loading, transferring or applying any pesticides
- Assisting with any pesticide applications
- Maintaining, servicing, repairing, cleaning or handling application equipment
- Working with opened containers of pesticides









Organization of 3CCR § 6724

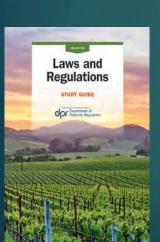
- Written Training Program
- Format/Meaning of Label
- Applicator Responsibility
- PPE Requirements
- Safety Requirements/Procedures
- Residues and Drift
- Hazards of Pesticides
- Routes of Exposure
- Signs and Symptoms
- Routine Decontamination
- SDS/Pesticide Hazard Communication
- Medical Supervision
- First Aid/Emergency Decon.
- Emergency Medical Care

- Heat-Related Illness
- Regulations, SDS, PSIS
- 18 years of Age Requirements*
- Environmental Concerns
- Field Postings/REIs
- Taking Pesticides or Containers Home
- Preventing Family Exposure
- Reporting Violations
- Identification of Fed/CA Restricted Materials, Use by Certified Applicator, Direct Supervision*
- Use of Restricted Materials by noncertified applicator*
- Employee's Rights
- Training Requirements

Handler Training

- What materials are required?
 - Study Guides (commercially or publicly produced)
 - Pamphlets (available from County Ag Commissioner (CAC) or Extension Office)
 - Pesticide Labeling (available from manufacturer)
 - Pesticide Safety Information Series (PSIS) (available from CAC or DPR)
 - Safety Data Sheets (available from distributor/manufacturer)

Multimedia (slides, video discs, commercially available)









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Written Training Program

Pesticide Training

Employer's Written Handler Training Program Pursuant to 3 CCR section 6724

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Name of Individual or Firm Providing Training:

Note: For employees using California restricted materials or pesticides in the commercial or research production of an surrouthural plant commodity, the employee mass ensure the trainer is one of the following at the time of training (train

- icenses or certificates must be valid):

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- A County Biologist License in Pestic
- A University of California Extension
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 An individual who has completed an
- A California Registered Professional
- Other trainer qualification approved b

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Pesticide Training

Employer's Written Handler Training Program (continued)

Pursuant to 3 CCR section 6724

(Name of Employer)

Circle if applicable

Training Topic

Pesticide Training

Employer's Written Handler Training Program (continued)

Pursuant to 3 CCR section 6724

		(Name of Employer)	
Circle if applicable	Training Topic		
Yes No		provide hazard, emergency medical treatment, and other information esticides with which employees may come in contact	
Yes No	The hazard communication program requirements of section 6723, including the location and availability of: Pesticide use records for pesticides handled by employees. Applicable PSIS leaflets, and SDSs for each pesticide handled by employees		
	Yes N/A	Are use records or SDSs available to employees electronically? If yes, describe how handlers have unrestricted access and are trained on how to access the documents: (use a separate sheet if necessary)	
Yes No	The purposes and requirements for medical supervision if organophosphate or carbamate pesticides with the signal word "DANGER" or "WARNING" on the labeling are mixed, loaded, or applied for the commercial or research production of an agricultural plant commodity		
Yes No	First aid and emergency decontamination procedures and emergency eye flushing techniques; and if pesticides are spilled or sprayed on the body to wash immediately with decontamination supplies and as soon as possible, wash or shower with soap and water and change into clean clothes		
Yes No		hen to obtain emergency medical care	
Yes No	Prevention, recognition, and first aid for heat-related illness in accordance with Title of the California Code of Regulations, section 3395		
See below		requirements relating to pesticide safety, including but not limited to:	
	Yes No	Availability of labeling - 3 CCR section 6602	
	Yes N/A	Accurate measurement - 3 CCR section 6604	
	Yes N/A	Equipment cleaning and maintenance- 3 CCR sections 6608 and 6744	
	Yes N/A	Wellhead protection, backflow prevention - 3 CCR sections 6609 and 6610	
	Yes No	Protection of persons, animals, and property - 3 CCR section 6614	
	Yes No	Pesticide storage and transportation, pesticide container, and service container requirements – 3 CCR sections 6670 through 6686	
	Yes N/A	Change areas - 3 CCR section 6732	
	Yes N/A	Decontamination facilities - 3 CCR section 6734	
	Yes No	Instruction on the safe operation of equipment used to mix, load, transfer, or apply pesticides – 3 CCR section 6742(a)	
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	Yes N/A	Application exclusion zone requirements – 3 CCR section 6762(c)	
	Yes N/A		
		Requirements for early entry employees – 3 CCR sections 6704(c) Minimal exposure pesticides – 3 CCR sections 6790 through 6793	

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Age Restriction

- □ Consistent with a change to 3 CCR § 6612, the handler training topic in 3 CCR § 6724(b)(17) was amended to specify that "handlers must be of 18 years of age if handling a restricted material as specified in 6400."
- This is in addition to the current training topic that an employee must be at least 18 years of age to handle a pesticide used in commercial or research production of an agricultural commodity.

Safe Use Information on the Label

- 3 CCR § 6724(b)(1) was amended to clarify the existing requirement that a handler training program must include the format and meaning of information on the product labeling.
- The amendment provides examples applicable to the safe use of the pesticide, such as precautionary statements about human health hazards and labeling-required personal protective equipment.

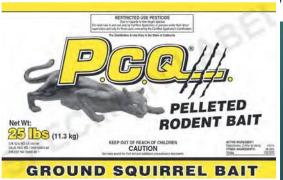


3 CCR § 6724(b)(23) was replaced with the new handler training topic, which requires that all handler training programs include information on how to identify if a product is a restricted pesticide, either a federal restricted use pesticide or a California Restricted Material listed in 3 CCR § 6400.

Federally Restricted: Noted on label

TOXIC TO FISH, MAMMALS, AND AQUATIC ORGANISMS FOR RETAIL SALE TO AND USE ONLY BY CERTIFIED APPLICATORS OR PERSONS UNDER THEIR DIRECT SUPERVISION, AND ONLY FOR THOSE USES COVERED BY THE CERTIFIED APPLICATOR'S CERTIFICATION.





CALIFORNIA RESTRICTED MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS

A FEDERAL RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDES

(Included by reference as California Restricted Materials) Pesticides display the RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE (RUP) statement on the pesticide container similar to the statement shown here. RUPs require an RUP statement enclosed in a box, at the too of the front panel of the label

RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE DUF TO (reason for restricted use classification) For retail sale to and use only by Certified Applicators or persons under their direct supervision and only for those uses covered by the Certified Applicator's certification

Some product labels require a Certified Applicator be 'physically present' at the use site

CALIFORNIA RESTRICTED MATERIALS

Acrolein, labeled for use as an aquatic Chlorpyrifes, labeled for the herbicide production of an agricultural Aldicarb - unregistered commodity

All dust (except products containing only exempt pesticides)*1 Aluminum phosphide Any pesticide containing active

incredients listed under section 6800(a), labeled for agricultural outdoor institutional, or outdoor industrial use Any pesticide pursuant to Section 18

of FIFRA (Emergency exemption) 4-Amino pyridine Azinohos-methyl – unregistered Brodifecoum

Bromadiolone Calcium cyanida - unregistered Carbofuran - unregistered

Chloronicrin 3-Chloro-p-toluidine hydrochlorid

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of agricultural plant commodities Dicamba* 2 4-dichlorpohenoxyacetic acid (2.4-0)*

2 4-dichlorophenoxybutyric acid (2,4-DB)* 2,4-dichlorophenoxypropionic acid (2.4-DP)*

1,3-Dichloropropene (1,3-D) Difenacoum Difethialone Disulfoton** - unregistered

Fndosulfan** Ethoprop, labeled for turf Fenamiphos - unregistered Lindane** - unregistered Mannesium phosphide

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Methorny Methyl bromide 2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA)*

Methyl iodide - unregistered Methyl isothiocyanate (MITC), labeled for the production of agricultural plant commodities Mevirohas - unregistered

Molinate - unregistered Oxydemeton-methyl Paracuat Parathion-methyl - unregistered Phosphine gas

(metam-potassium), labeled for the production of agricultural plant commodities Propanil (3.4-dichloroprocionanilide) Sodium ryanida Sodium fluoroacetale /compound 1080) - unregistered

Potassium n-methyldithiocarbamate

Sodium tetrathiocarbonate unregistered Strvchnine** Sulfotego - unregistered Sulfuryl fluoride Thiobencarb

Tributos Tributytin, organotin, or a tri-organotin compound formulated as an antifouling paint, coating, or compound and labeled for the control of fouling organisms in an

anuatic environment Zinc phosphide²¹

Noncertified Applicator Handling a Restricted Pesticide

- 3 CCR § 6724(b)(24) was added to the initial and annual training topics so that if an employee will handle a restricted pesticide, the employer's handler training program <u>must</u> cover:
 - 1. How to identify if a certified applicator needs to be physically present during the use of the pesticide.

RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE

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For retail sale to Dealers and Certified Applicators only. For use by Certified Applicators or persons under their direct supervision, and only for those uses covered by the Certified Applicator's certification. Refer to the directions in this Applicator's Manual for requirements of the physical presence of a Certified Applicator.

2. The certified applicator's responsibility to provide them with product- and site-specific instructions, including label directions, precautions, use requirements, and how site characteristics and application conditions may impact adverse effects

Noncertified Applicator Handling a Restricted Pesticide

- 3. Able to immediately communicate directly with the supervising certified applicator, as specified in 3 CCR § 6731. This communication may be:
 - in person or by voice,
 - * two-way radio,
 - cell phone,
 - ❖ video conference or other similar means of direct communication.
- After completing handler training and prior to handling a restricted pesticide, the certified applicator is responsible to provide additional instructions to the noncertified applicator specific to the application site and pesticide(s) to be used.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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Selection for pesticide users PPE is based on both label requirements and California regulatory requirements.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear: long-sleeved shirt and long pants, shoes plus socks, and protective eyewear. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables exist, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.











Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Appropriate Use

- Proper body protection (cotton coveralls vs. chemical-resistant coveralls vs. rainsuit vs. chemical resistant apron)
- Proper gloves (neoprene, nitrile, rubber, and under certain conditions leather)
- Proper boots/shoes
- Protective eyewear (ANSI Z87.1-2010)

Correct respirator selection (TC-84A particulates, TC-23C for organic vapor,

SCBA for most fumigants)









Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Sanitation: Equipment must be cleaned and sanitized before using.
- Review Title 3 CCR § 6738, PPE











Personal Protective Equipment

EMPLOYERS

- ...shall provide all necessary PPE, as required by label, permit condition and regulation, keeping it clean and in good repair.
- Equipment must be inspected daily.
- Heavily contaminated PPE shall be replaced.
- Store clean PPE in a specifically designated, pesticide-free area.

Personal Protective Equipment

EMPLOYERS

- Make sure PPE is used properly.
- Store and wash used PPE separate from other laundry. Dry PPE properly.
- Never allow contaminated PPE to be taken into worker homes. If worker does not return to headquarters, provide a sealable container for worker to store contaminated equipment outside of home.
- Make sure personnel maintaining/cleaning PPE know what they're doing (i.e. handling pesticide contaminated clothes).

Pesticide Storage

- Information on proper storage
- No temperature extremes
- Store in a tightly closed container
- Do not contaminate with water, food or feed







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CERTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATORS-NEW REGULATIONS



As a result of the recent regulation changes, DPRs implement these required changes in the California Code of Regulations (CCR):

- 1. New Commercial Applicator Fumigant Categories
- 2. Elimination of Existing Subcategories
- 3. Expansion of Private Applicator Competencies
- 4. New Private Applicator Burrowing Vertebrate Pest Fumigation Certificate
- 5. Minimum Age Requirements
- 6. Improved Standards for Direct Supervision of Noncertified Applicators and Handler Training

Commercial Applicator Fumigation Categories

1. New Commercial Applicator Fumigant Categories:

- Soil Fumigation Category L
 - For individuals who perform pest control using a *pesticide labeled as a fumigant* to:
 - Control soil pests in sites including fields, forests, greenhouses, and individual tree or vine hole sites
 - Does not include the use of non-soil fumigant products





Commercial Applicator Fumigation Categories

1. New Commercial Applicator Fumigant Categories:

- Non-Soil Fumigation Category M
 - For individuals who perform pest control using a pesticide labeled as a fumigant to:
 - Fumigate enclosed areas.
 - Fumigate pest burrows in sites including, but not limited to fields, rights-of-way, ditches, landscaping, and equipment yards.
 - Fumigate sewer lines, in-service utility poles, or other fumigations not covered by the new Category L – Soil Fumigation.





- 2. <u>Eli-mination</u> of Existing Subcategories
- Sewer Line Root Control-Subcategory N
- Wood Preservation-Subcategory L
- Anti-fouling Tributyltin-Subcategory M
- Microbial Pest Control-Subcategory P
- Field Fumigation-Subcategory O

New regulations effective as of January 1, 2024.

- 3. Expansion of Private Applicator Competencies
- Expanded competency standards for the Private Applicator Certificate (PAC) examination
- All existing PAC holders must take and pass a revised PAC (initial) examination
 - Includes the revised competencies
 - Prior to the expiration of their certificate

- 4. New Private Applicator Burrowing Vertebrate Pest Fumigation Certificate
- Private applicators using fumigants must be certified in fumigant use
- Certificate option allows PAC holders to use fumigants labeled for the control of burrowing vertebrate pests
- All other fumigant activities will require a private applicator to obtain a commercial applicator certification in the appropriate category (ies) (i.e. non-soil or soil fumigation)

Diphacinone: New Regulations



- Enforcement Letter ENF 23-19 announces a recent revision to Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 12978.7 by Assembly Bill (AB) 1322 (Chapter 836, Statutes of 2023)
- Effective January 1, 2024, most uses of the rodenticide diphacinone are prohibited and most products containing Diphacinone are required to be sold by licensed dealers.
- Diphacinone as a Restricted Material -AB 1322 added a new subsection (d) to FAC section 12978.7 which states:
 - (d) Except as provided in subdivision (f) or (g), the use of diphacinone is prohibited in this state and diphacinone shall be considered a restricted material pursuant to Section 14004.5 until the director makes the certification described in subdivision (i).
- <u>Effective January 1, 2024</u>, it is unlawful to use diphacinone for a "Prohibited use".
- For diphacinone uses allowed under FAC section 12978.7 subsections (f) and (g) ("Allowed Uses") no restricted material permit is required.

Prohibited Uses: Under amended FAC section 12978.7, most uses of diphacinone are prohibited.

- □ residential or home uses and most industrial and institutional uses are prohibited.
- ☐ Use in and around restaurants (that do not have a winery or brewery attached)
- ☐ Grocery Stores
- □ Airports
- □ Offices
- □ Construction sites
- □ Ports and terminal buildings
- □ Shipyards
- □ Timber Yards
- □ Schools
- □ Shopping malls
- Sewers, and sewage treatment plants









Prohibited Uses:(Continued)

- ☐ Many non-production agricultural uses:
 - cemeteries, golf courses, parks, highways, and railroads.
- □ In addition, the definition of "Wildlife habitat area" in subsection (a)(4) was expanded by AB 1322 to include "any park or wildlife refuge managed by a state agency, regional government, or quasi-government agency, or by a special district." Use of diphacinone in a wildlife habitat area is prohibited *unless* the use meets one of the exemptions in subsection (f).

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■ Allowed Uses: The broad prohibition on using an SGAR or diphacinone in California does not apply to certain specified users and uses, as set forth in FAC section 12978.7 subsections (f) and (g).

User exemptions:

- □ Persons who are certified Vector Control Technicians employed by a vector control district or other government agency.
- □ Government agency employees protecting water supply infrastructure and facilities.
- □ Use by a mosquito or vector control district, including use under a contract with a pest control businesses licensed by the Department or registered with the Structural Pest Control Board.
- □ For eradication of nonnative invasive species on offshore islands.
- ☐ If the Department of Fish and Wildlife determines the use is required to control or eradicate an invasive rodent population for the protection of threatened or endangered species or their habitats.
- To control an actual or potential infestation associated with an urgent, non-routine public health need declared by the State Public Health Officer or a local public health officer.

- □ For research authorized by DPR to provide information for DPR's SGAR or Diphacinone reevaluations.
- ☐ At medical waste generators as defined in Health and Safety Code section 117705.
- At FDA-registered and inspected facilities involved in commercial manufacture, preparation, compounding, etc., of drugs.
- On agricultural sites producing any horticultural, viticultural, aquacultural, forestry, dairy, livestock, poultry, bee, or farm product.
- □ At other noted sites, specifically:
 - o A warehouse used to store foods for human or animal consumption;
 - o A food manufacturing or processing plant, such as a slaughterhouse or cannery;
 - o A factory, brewery, or winery;
 - o On-farm water storage and conveyance facilities to protect on-farm water supply systems, facilities, and related infrastructure.
 - o On-farm storage housing rights-of-way and other transportation infrastructure materials to protect on-farm transportation infrastructure.

SellerResponsibilities:

- □ Diphacinone products labeled for one or more prohibited use can only be sold to an end user by a DPR-licensed pest control dealer.
- □ Retailers, including online retailers, who are not a DPR-licensed pest control dealer, are <u>prohibited</u> from selling diphacinone products labeled for one or more prohibited uses.
- ☐ If a licensed pest control dealer can sell a diphacinone product to an end user, the licensed dealer must determine if the applicable regulatory requirements can be met prior to selling or delivering the product.
- Dealers must determine whether a prospective purchaser's stated intent for the use is allowed under the amended FAC section 12978.7.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Riverside District Office

3403 10th street, STE 701 P.O. Box 1089, Riverside, CA 92502-1089 **Business Hours:** Mon-Friday 7 am - 5:00 pm

Phone: (951) 955-3045 Fax: (951) 276-4728

San Jacinto District

950 N. Ramona Blvd Suite 15 San Jacinto, CA 92582

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 7 am - 5:00 pm, Closed between 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm daily

Phone: (951) 654-3266 Fax: (951) 654-8296

Indio District Office

81077 Indio Blvd., Ste. K Indio, CA 92201

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 7 am - 5:00 pm, Closed between 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Mon-Thurs, Closed between 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Friday.

Phone: (760) 342-5070 Fax: (760) 342-0734

Blythe District Office

280 N. Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 7:00 am

- 5:00 pm

Phone: (760) 921-5630 Fax: (760) 921-5637