

Mendocino County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Quick Check Synopsis

If we do a **PCB Headquarters/Records** inspection, these are the requirements we will be checking for:

1. **Notice Prior to Application (6618)**
 - Notice must be given prior to pesticide applications to all employees not involved in the application that may enter the field or working within a ¼ mile of application site.
 - For Pest Control Business (PCB) applications the operator of the property must receive notice that includes date and location of application, pesticide product name, EPA registration number and active ingredient, REI, and other applicable label precautions.
 - For PCBs and Production Ag, the notice can be oral or written unless the product label requires dual notification.
2. **Emergency Medical Care Planned (6726/66)**
 - Emergency Medical Care must be planned for in advance.
 - The information shall be posted prominently at the work place or work vehicle and must include the name, address and phone number of a medical facility ("**911**" is not sufficient to meet this requirement).
3. **Change Area (6732)**
 - For any employee who regularly handles pesticides with the signal word "DANGER" or "WARNING".
 - All employees who handle pesticides for production Ag must be provided a clean space to end their exposure period, remove PPE and wash.
 - Clean towels, soap, and water shall be available. The employer must provide a clean area where employees may store personal clothing while handling pesticides.
4. **Proper Storage of PPE(6738a)**
 - PPE must be stored in a clean specially designated space when not in use such as a locker or assigned tote bag. It must be separate from personal clothing.
 - PPE cannot be stored in the pesticide storage area and must be inspected and cleaned daily. Heavily contaminated or worn equipment shall be replaced or repaired.

HAZ COMM. / TRAINING PROGRAM

5. **Hazard Communication/Handler (6723)**
 - Have a completed A8 or N8 posted at the work site.
 - Verify that records of all pesticide use by employees and applicable PSIS leaflets are available.
 - MSDS must also be available for all pesticides handled by employees.
6. **Trainer Qualified (6724f)**
 - Employees that handle pesticide for production agriculture must be trained by a certified person.
7. **Written Program (6724a)**
 - There must be a written program that describes the training program and tools that are used during the training. Can include PSIS, training videos, labels, pamphlets etc.
8. **Handler Training (6724b-e)**
 - Pesticide handlers must be trained prior to handling any pesticide and annually thereafter.

- Training shall be pesticide specific or cover chemically similar groups and the 16 points listed in 6724.
- Forms must be signed and dated and include job duties of the applicator.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM

9. Written Program (a, p)

- A written program is required whenever employees use respirators that are supplied by the employer in both voluntary and required use situations.

10. Medical Evaluation(d,s)

- A medical evaluation is required prior to allowing an employee to wear a respirator. A doctor must evaluate the questionnaire and approve the applicator for respirator use in writing.

Exemptions:

- Employees who voluntarily use dust filtering respirators (dust masks) provided by the employer.
- Employees who voluntarily use any respirator not provided by the employer.

11. Fit Test Records (e, p)

- Review the fit test records and verify that they contain the required information:
 - Name of employee.
 - Date and type of test.
 - Specific type of respirator.
 - Test results.

12. Respirators Inspected (j1)

- Verify that routine-use respirators are inspected before each use and during cleaning.
- Emergency Respirators shall be inspected monthly and shall have a record showing the last date of inspection.
- When SCBA respiratory protection is required, verify that, when SCBA are used, at least one routine-use SCBA cylinder at the use site starts the day at 80% of capacity or greater. Emergency-use SCBA must be maintained at 100% of capacity.

13. Respirator Storage(h4)

- Verify that respirators are stored in a manner that protects them from damage, contamination, dust, sunlight, extreme temperatures, excessive moisture and damaging chemicals.

14. Voluntary Use Display (b2)

- Voluntary use display must be posted when employees are permitted to wear respirators that are provided by the employer but not required by label or permit conditions.

MEDICAL SUPERVISION PROGRAM

15. Use Records Retained/3yrs (a)

- Use records must be available for all Carbamate and Organophosphate “Danger” and “Warning” pesticides applied by employees.
- Must include employees name, name of pesticide and the date of use.

16. Dr Agreement Available (b)

- All employees that regularly handle (6 or more days in 30 day rolling period) pesticides listed above must have a written agreement with a doctor to perform medical supervision.

17. Records/3yrs (c)

- The agreement with the medical supervisor. (See requirement 27 above).

- The use exposure records. (See requirement 26 above).
 - Recommendations from the medical supervisor.
 - The results of cholinesterase tests (or dates performed).
18. **Medical Supervision Posting (c5)**
- Name, address and phone number of medical supervisor must be posted at the workplace or work vehicle. This is in addition to emergency medical care posting required in CCR 6726.

RECORDS / STORAGE INSPECTION

RECORDS

1. **Business Licensed** (11701)
2. **Business Registered in County** (11732)
3. **Work supervised by Qualified Person** (11701.5)
- 6 **Recommendations Retained / 1 year** (12004)
 - Agricultural pest control advisers and agricultural pest control operators shall retain one copy of each written recommendation for one year following the date of such recommendation.
- 7 **Valid RM permit** (6412)
 - Valid RM permit if using Restricted Materials (2yrs)
- 8 **Application Completion Records** (6619)
 - All pesticide applications performed by a PCB must be accompanied by an application completion notice (Keep 2 yrs).
- 9 **Pesticide Use Reports (PURs) available 2 yrs** (6624)
- 10 **PURs Submitted**(6626/7)
 - PURs must be submitted every month that pest control is performed and are due no later than 10 days following the end of the month.
 - PCB applications for Production Ag must be submitted no later than 7 days following an application.

PESTICIDE STORAGE

19. **Containers Secured** (6672b)
 - All pesticides must be stored in a locked enclosure or attended by a responsible person.
20. **Storage Posted, "Warning/Danger"** (6674)
 - If storing "Danger" or "Warning" pesticides, the storage area must be posted from each potential angle of approach with a sign visible from 25 feet.
21. **Containers Labeled/Closures** (6676)
 - Verify that all pesticide containers have lids or closures that are securely tightened and carry the registrants labeling.
22. **Service Container Labeling**(6678)
 - All containers other than original that are used to store or transport dilute or concentrate pesticides must have a service container label.
 - The name and contact information of responsible party, identity of pesticide and signal word.

- Exemptions-Production Ag on the property being farmed.

23. **Proper Containers** (6680)

- No pesticide shall be placed, stored or kept in a container commonly used for food or drink.

24. **Containers Properly Rinsed** (6684)

- Each emptied container that has held less than 28 gallons of a liquid pesticide shall be triple rinsed and drained by the user **at time of use**. Rinse water is emptied into spray tank mix.