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2027 PEST CONTROL BUSINESS REGISTRATION REGULATORY REMINDERS

The Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner wishes to emphasize certain items prior to registration, and to obtain the qualified applicator's signature to verify that these items have been reviewed.

Communication: Good communication and due care among all parties is essential to reduce conflicts between field laborers, neighbors, other residents, and pesticide applicators. Growers, Pest Control Businesses, Pest Control Advisors and Farm Labor Contractors are expected to cooperate with each other to minimize conflicts.

Field Posting: Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations Section 6776 requires that, in general, fields with a re-entry interval of greater than 48 hours be posted with a warning sign. Fields required to be posted shall be posted prior to the start of the application. Violations of this requirement will go to the operator of the property treated.

Repairs: Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations Section 6744 requires second-hand parties performing repairs on contaminated pest control equipment must be informed of the hazards of the pesticides they may encounter and the methods of protecting against personal injury.

Permit Conditions: The Permit Conditions outline the conditions by which all restricted material permit holders agree to abide. The conditions also contain Stanislaus County's NOI and Waiver Policy conditions.

Accident Reports: Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations Section 6634 requires each person engaged for hire in the business of pest control to report to the Agricultural Commissioner as soon as practicable, by the most expedient method, any forced landing or emergency or accidental release of pesticide and the estimated amount.

Pesticide Use Reports: Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations Section 6626 (b) states pest control use reports for applications made by Pest Control Businesses are due to Stanislaus County within seven days of completion of the pesticide application. A copy of the report shall also be sent by the business to the operator of the property within thirty days after the date of completion.

Negative Use Reports: Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations Section 6628 states that during any month that a licensed agricultural pest control business performs no pest control work in a county where the business is registered with the commission, he/she shall submit a report stating this fact to the commission by the tenth day of the following month.

Paraquat Usage: Per label mitigation requirements, Paraquat pesticides have required since 2020 that all handlers are certified and complete EPA Training every three years. When performing as a pest control business, the only licenses that count as certified are the Qualified Applicator License

and Qualified Applicator Certificate. A private applicator certificate does NOT cover the scope for a certified applicator when applying pesticides for hire (commercially).

The Pesticide Safety Information Series (PSIS) A-1 through A-10 and N-1 through N-8 are available on DPR's website at http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/whs/psisenglish.htm. Additional forms are available on our website at https://www.stanag.org/pesticide-enforcement.shtm.