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1. Restricted materials permits are issued to growers or their authorized representatives who have been certified to use restricted materials. Pest control dealers and agricultural pest control businesses must have a copy of the permit in their possession prior to the sale, delivery, or application of restricted materials. Annual operator identification numbers are issued to growers or their authorized representatives for the use of non-restricted materials only. Pest control dealers and agricultural pest control businesses must have a copy of the operator identification number in their possession prior to the sale, delivery, or application of non-restricted materials. (3CCR6568/3CCR6632)
2. Pesticide use reports must be submitted for all the applications made by the grower or grower's employee by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the month in which the work was performed. All agricultural pest control businesses shall report the pesticide applications made within 7 days of completion. (3CCR 6626/6627)
3. Paraquat label changes for Certified Applicators. Paraquat dichloride is a California Restricted Material and a federally Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP). The product is for use ONLY by a certified applicator and prohibits use by uncertified persons working under the supervision of a certified applicator. This restriction applies to all Paraquat handling activities (including mixing, loading, and applying). A grower or grower's employee must possess one of the following: Private Applicator Certificate (PAC), Qualified Applicator License (QAL), or Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC). Pest Control Business employees must have a QAL or QAC with the appropriate category. Certified applicators handling Paraquat must pass, obtain, and retain a certificate of completion of "How to Safely Use and Handle Paraquat" from the following website: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/paraquat-dichloride-training-certified-applicators> or scan the QR code. (FAC 12973) 
4. Before the use of fumigants containing the active ingredients of metam sodium or metam potassium, or dazomet, the property operator or the property operator's designated agent must complete a Department of Pesticide Regulation approved metam potassium/metam sodium stewardship certification training within the previous 12 months of the date of application and hold a valid certified applicators license or certificate as well as any additional pesticide label required certifications, ie: EPA training. Please visit the following website or scan the QR code to register <https://www.epa.gov/soil-fumigants/soil-fumigant-training-certified-applicators> (FAC 12973) 
5. All sales of chlorpyrifos products to growers in California ended on Feb. 6, 2020. Growers will no longer be allowed to possess or use chlorpyrifos products in California after Dec. 31, 2020. A few products that apply chlorpyrifos in granular form, representing less than one percent of agricultural use of chlorpyrifos, will be allowed to remain on the market. Granular applications must be immediately incorporated and clean-up granules that are spilled during loading or are visible on the soil surface in turn areas. For more information, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pressrls/2019/100919.htm> 
6. Changes to Authorized Representatives to whom a Restricted Material Permit was issued, must be reflected on the permit as soon as they occur.
7. Notification to Beekeepers - Each person intending to apply any pesticide toxic to bees to a blossoming plant shall, prior to the application, inquire of the commissioner, or of a notification service designated by the commissioner, whether any beekeeper with apiaries within one mile of the application site has requested notice of such application. If the person performing pest control is advised of a request for notification, he or she shall notify the beekeeper, at least 48 hours in advance of the application, of the time and place the application is to be made, the crop and acreage to be treated, the method of application, the identity and dosage rate of the application to be applied, and how the person performing pest control may be contacted by the beekeeper. This time may be increased or decreased by the commissioner, or by an agreement of both the beekeeper and the person performing the pest control work. (3 CCR 6654)

Pesticide applicators, Pest Control Businesses, and Pest Control Advisors can use the BeeWhere website to obtain contact information for beekeepers with colonies within one mile of an upcoming toxic to bees pesticide application. – Log on to <https://beewhere.calagpermits.org/> using your calagpermits login information or call our office to assist you with the bee check. You can also scan the QR code for quick access to BeeWhere website.



8. Each person using a carbon monoxide pest control device to perform pest control shall not use a carbon monoxide pest control device to control burrowing rodent pest control unless the device bears the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Establishment Number of the establishment in which it was manufactured. For information on distance restrictions, personal protective equipment, and recordkeeping, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/rulepkgs/21-002/21-002.htm>



9. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has revised Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations Part 171 (40 CFR Part 171), which details the minimum requirements that state agencies must meet for certifying applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs). As a result, individuals who are currently certified as private applicators are required to take and pass the revised initial Private Applicator Certificate (PAC) exam to demonstrate competency with the revised private applicator standards. Individuals who have already taken and passed the revised initial PAC exam on or after October 1, 2022, have been tested on the new private applicator competency standards.

The revised 40 CFR Part 171 also requires PAC holders who plan on using fumigants to be certified in fumigant use and allows states to adopt fumigation categories for private applicators. As a result, beginning January 1, 2024, a PAC holder (regardless of the PAC expiration date) must also possess a Burrowing Vertebrate Pest Fumigation Certificate (in addition to the revised PAC certification) if they plan to control burrowing pests using a restricted material labeled as a fumigant for the control of burrowing vertebrate pests (e.g., use of aluminum phosphide).

Our office will be hosting multiple review sessions to help prepare for the revised PAC exam, followed by the exam sessions. Please make sure to register on time as these sessions will have limited seats. You can register by scanning the QR code, or by visiting our website [www.stanag.org](http://www.stanag.org) or by calling our office at (209) 525-4730. The PAC exam is also offered on regular business days between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. Please call our office to book your appointment. We do accept walk-ins if there are no appointments already booked.



10. Beginning January 1, 2024, the Qualified Applicator License/Certificate (QAL/QAC) subcategories listed below will be eliminated and ineligible for renewal:

- Subcategory L – Wood Preservation
- Subcategory M – Anti-Fouling Tributyltin
- Subcategory N – Sewer Line Root Control
- Subcategory O – Field Fumigation
- Subcategory P – Microbial Pest Control

There are two new certification categories:

- Category L – Soil Fumigation
- Category M – Non-Soil Fumigation

If impacted by the new regulatory requirements, DPR encourages you to obtain compliance by December 31, 2023, to continue conducting your current pest control activities uninterrupted in 2024. The examinations for the new Soil Fumigation (Category L) and Non-Soil Fumigation (Category M) categories are now available at DPR's computer-based testing centers. For additional information please scan the QR code or visit DPR's Certification and Training Update webpage [https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/cert\\_training.htm](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/cert_training.htm)

