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WSDA Pesticide Enforcement Actions – 2014

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Number	Party(ies) Involved / County of Incident	Description	Action	Date of Final Order
ACB-0031-14 PM-14-0010	Richard Bennett TRB Bug Spraying, LLC Whitman County	It is alleged that on July 26, 2014, Mr. Bennett improperly applied a pesticide for bed bug control and did not hold the proper Commercial Applicator license endorsement to make the application. This was the second time in 2014 that Mr. Bennett had improperly applied pesticides and did so without the correct pesticide license endorsement.	A Director's Default Order has been issued against Mr. Bennett and TRB Bug Spraying, LLC, for \$850 and a twelve day license suspension assessed against his Commercial Applicator's license.	12/22/2014
MJW-0002-14 PM-14-0011	Dovex Fruit Company Douglas County	An April 8, 2014, orchard air blast pesticide application is alleged to have over-sprayed onto an adjacent orchard exposing twenty farmworkers.	A Director's Final Order assessed \$7,500 against Dovex Fruit Company as the responsible employer overseeing the application.	12/22/2014
MJW-0004-14 PM-14-0012	David Carnes Grant County	A May 2, 2014, orchard air blast pesticide application is alleged to have over-sprayed onto adjacent property exposing two adults and a child.	A Director's Final Order assessed \$2,700 against Mr. Carnes as the responsible person making the application.	12/19/2014
CJS-0005-13 PM-14-0006	Anthony Miller / Quality Spray Service, LLC	During March and April 2013, Mr. Miller is alleged to have made numerous pesticide	Settlement of \$1,500 and a thirty day license suspension with Mr. Miller as the Commercial	11/10/2014

	Yakima County	applications while his Commercial Applicator's license was suspended.	Applicator responsible for the pesticide operations of his company, Quality Spray Service, LLC.	
RSN-0002-14 PM-14-0007	Badger Ranch, LLC Grant County	An April 24, 2014, orchard air blast pesticide application is alleged to have over sprayed onto an adjacent orchard exposing seven people.	Settlement of \$5,000 with Badger Ranch, LLC, as the employer in charge of employees making the pesticide application.	10/29/2014
CJS-0021-13 PM-14-0005	Kenneth Bates Yakima County	A July 25, 2013, orchard air blast pesticide application is alleged to have over sprayed onto an adjacent orchard exposing twenty farmworkers.	Settlement of \$5,000 and a forty-five day license suspension with Mr. Bates who was the Private Applicator in charge of employees making the application.	10/23/2014
BAO-0002-14 PM-14-0008	Salvador Lopez Chelan County	An April 9, 2014, orchard air blast pesticide application is alleged to have over sprayed onto adjacent residential property exposing four people.	Settlement of \$1,600 and a fourteen day license suspension with Mr. Lopez who was the Private Applicator making the application.	10/7/2014
MJW-0002-12 PM-13-0023	Brent Weber Grant County	An April 22, 2013, herbicide ground application to a corn field violated a label required buffer damaging cherry trees adjacent to the corn field.	Settlement of \$1,000 with Mr. Weber who was the Commercial Applicator making the application.	6/10/2014
JGA-0001-13 GRB-0013-13 PM-14-0002	Baltazar Rojas Franklin County	On May 15, 2013, and June 3, 2013, orchard air blast pesticide applications are alleged to have drifted and/or over sprayed onto adjacent residential property exposing several people.	Settlement of \$900 and a fourteen day license suspension with Mr. Rojas who was the Private Applicator supervising the applications.	5/14/2014
DTB-0004-13	Manuel Ornelas Grant County	An April 18, 2013, orchard air blast application of lime sulfur is alleged to have drifted and/or over sprayed onto a nearby orchard exposing 10 workers.	Settlement of \$2,000 and a twenty-four day license suspension with Mr. Ornelas who was the Private Applicator supervising the applications.	5/14/2014
BAO-0017-13 BAO-0018-13	David Twitchell	A July 30, 2012, ground application to a vacant lot	Mr. Twitchell had two previous penalties in 2011	5/14/2014

PM-13-0022	Douglas and Chelan Counties	is alleged to have drifted across a street onto a neighboring yard causing injury to desirable plants. One of the pesticides in the tank mix was not labeled for use on vacant lots. A second incident on November 5, 2012, involved the placement of rodent bait under and around a residence and out buildings. It is alleged the bait was improperly placed.	and a third in 2012. These additional citations in 2012 were settled at a fourth penalty level with Mr. Twitchell agreeing to have his Commercial Applicator Pesticide license permanently revoked.	
BAO-0014-13 PM-14-0001	Andy Feil Douglas County	A June 8, 2013, insecticide air blast application is alleged to have drifted off target into an adjacent apple orchard resulting in seven farmworkers being exposed.	Settlement of \$2,000 and a twenty-four day license suspension with Mr. Feil who was the Private Applicator supervising the application.	5/6/2014
MJW-0001-13 PM-14-0004	Jim Cobia Cobia Custom Services Grant County	A June 17, 2013, herbicide application to an alfalfa field is alleged to have drifted across a county road and caused injury to a nearby bean field.	Settlement of \$850 and a five day license suspension with Mr. Cobia who was the Commercial Applicator making the application.	4/16/2014
DTB-0013-13 PM-14-0003	George Whitney, Jr. Grant County	A July 17, 2013 insecticide application by Mr. Whitney to a backyard is alleged to have drifted or oversprayed through a wood fence contacting a neighbor as she worked in her garden.	A Director's Default Order has been issued against Mr. Whitney for \$450 and a seven day license suspension assessed against his Commercial Applicator's license.	3/18/2014
VJD-0004-12 VJD-0005-12 VJD-0006-12 VJD-0008-12 VJD-0009-12 PM-13-0029	H. Curtis Tronsdal Snohomish County	During July 2012, two aerial applications made by Mr. Tronsdal were alleged to be contrary to label in that drift / over spray caused damage to adjacent property and crops. At the time of the	Settlement of \$6,500 with Mr. Tronsdal as the pilot responsible for making the applications.	3/5/2014

		applications, Mr. Tronsdal did not have a valid WSDA applicator license.		
VJD-0004-12 VJD-0005-12 VJD-0006-12 VJD-0008-12 VJD-0009-12 PM-13-0030	J. Kevin Belisle Tronsdal Air, LLC Snohomish County	During July 2012, two aerial applications supervised by Mr. Belisle were alleged to be contrary to label in that drift / over spray caused damage to adjacent property and crops.	Settlement of \$6,500 with Mr. Belisle as the Commercial Applicator responsible for the actions of applicators under his supervision.	3/5/2014
BAO-0013-13 PM-13-0040	CSWW, Inc. / Big R Store of Omak Okanogan County	A June 7, 2013 WSDA Dealer inspection found the Big R Store of Omak to be deficient in distribution (sales) recordkeeping and a restricted use pesticide was sold to an unlicensed person.	Settlement of \$500 and in lieu of a license suspension, a mandatory training for all store managers on proper distribution record keeping. The Big R Store of Omak is also on a two-year probation to maintain proper record keeping.	1/29/2014
JGA-0004-12 PM-13-0025	Marty Hanshew Simplot Franklin County	During 2012, chemigation applications by Simplot were alleged to be contrary to label in that over spray occurred onto adjacent property endangering humans and livestock.	Settlement of \$1,600 with Mr. Hanshew as the Commercial Applicator responsible for the Commercial Operators actions	1/28/2014
JGA-0004-12 PM-13-0024	Steve Ottem Franklin County	A July 12, 2012 aerial pesticide application allegedly drifted onto an adjacent hog pasture.	Settlement of \$600 and a three day license suspension with Mr. Ottem who was the Commercial Operator making the application.	1/9/2014
ACB-0004-13 PM-13-0033	Robert Putman Walla Walla County	A March 2, 2013 herbicide application to a seed alfalfa field drifted onto an adjacent highway and allegedly contacted a passing car.	Settlement of \$400 and a five day license suspension with Mr. Putman who was the Private Applicator making the application.	1/6/2014