



WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS

WORKER/HANDLER INTERVIEW FORM

Part 1

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Example: 2007A001w

Inspection number: [] Tier 1 [] Tier 2 [] Worker [] Handler [] Both

Investigator: [] Date: [] Time: []

Location of Interview: [] Employer/Company Name: []

Employee's Duties: []

Number of Employees Interviewed: Workers: [] Handlers: []

Section 1: CENTRAL NOTIFICATION

- 1. Is there a Central Notification Board (CNB)?
2. Does the Employee know the location?
3. Does the employee visit the CNB frequently?
4. Can the employee recall any information from the CNB?

Comments: []

Section 2: NOTIFICATION

- 1. How are workers Notified:
a. Orally?
b. Posted?
c. Both when required by the label? Who notifies and/or posts?
2. Are oral warnings given clearly and in a language the workers can understand?
Who translates?
3. Do oral warnings contain the required information:
a. Location and description of the treated area?
b. The time during which entry is restricted?
c. Instructions not to enter the treated area until the REI has expired?
4. Is the timing of oral warnings appropriate:
a. Before the application for workers who are on the establishment during the application?
b. At the beginning of their first work period for workers who are not on the establishment but return during the application or when the REI is in effect?
5. If there is an ongoing application within a 1/4 mile of the employee, does the employee know what the REI is?
6. Does the employee know what the WPS sign means?
7. If WPS signs are used, do workers stay out of posted areas?

Comments: []

Section 3: TRAINING

- 1. Is the employee a licensed applicator or does the employee have a worker/handler card?
Card or license number:
2. Has the employee attended an EPA or WSDA approved pesticide safety training?
a. If so, what type of course?
3. Has the handler received WPS pesticide safety training before performing handling tasks?
Who was the trainer?
4. Has the worker received WPS pesticide safety training before entry into (or within 1/4 mile of) areas treated within the last 30 days of the expiration of an REI or before early-entry activities?
Who was the trainer?
5. Is training conducted in a language the worker/handler understands?
6. Were training materials used? If so what?
7. Is training documented?

8. Would the worker/handler want to know more information about the pesticides used on the establishment?
9. In what format would the worker/handler like to receive the information?

Comments::

1. Do workers/handlers know how they might be exposed to pesticides?
2. Do workers/handlers know the symptoms of pesticide exposure?
3. Do workers/handlers know the routes of entry?
4. Do workers/handlers know how to prevent exposure?
5. Do handlers understand the relationship of signal words and toxicity classes?
6. Do workers/handlers know what actions to take in case of an exposure?
7. Are questions asked after the initial training of workers/handlers by the trainer to test their knowledge or understanding of pesticide safety?
8. Are workers/handlers aware of the hazards associated with pesticide residues on clothing?
9. Are warnings given about taking pesticides or pesticide containers home?
10. What steps are taken to prevent pesticides or pesticide residues from being taken home?

11. Are workers/handlers given instructions about keeping children away from areas where pesticides and/or pesticide residues might be?
12. Does the investigator believe training is adequate?

Comments::

1. Is a label accessible during handling activities?
2. Can the handler read the label?
3. Did the employer ensure and/or is the handler able to understand, locate, and apply the label required information relating to:
- a. Safe use?
- b. Signal word?
- c. Human hazard statement?
- d. PPE requirements?
- e. First aid?
- f. Environmental precautions?
4. Are handlers trained in equipment use?
5. Do handlers receive instruction or take precautions to avoid drift and to ensure that no one is contacted directly or through drift?

Comments::

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Section 6: EARLY-ENTRY

- 1. Does the employee know what REI means?
2. Have there been any early-entry activities?
3. Has the employer provided the appropriate PPE for early-entry activities?
4. Is the employee aware of the early-entry requirements related to labeling (i.e. PPE, entry type or duration, approved tasks, etc.) and/or training?
5. Has the employee been provided with the proper training for early-entry activities?
6. Does the employee wear the required PPE for early-entry activities appropriately?
7. Has the 4 hr. minimum expired, or for greenhouses, has ventilation criteria been met before workers are allowed entry?

Comments:

Section 7: DECONTAMINATION

- 1. Do handlers have the required decontamination supplies: soap, single-use towels, change of clothing and sufficient water (10 gal. for 1 employee, 20 gal. for 2 or more employees) at:
a. Mix/Load area?
b. Within 1/4 mile or closest point of vehicular access of where performing handler task?
c. Where PPE is removed?
2. Is sufficient eyeflush water immediately available to handlers and early-entry workers?
a. Early-entry workers - 1 pint of immediately accessible eyewash when label requires protective eyewear.
b. Handlers - 1 pint of immediately accessible eyewash when label requires protective eyewear.
3. Is there running water capable of delivering at least 1.5 liters (0.4 gal.) of water per minute for 15 minutes or six gallons additional eyewash for handlers if running water is not available?
4. Are worker decontamination sites supplied with sufficient clean water for routine cleaning and emergency eyewash, soap and single-use towels?
5. Are worker decontamination sites within 1/4 mile of the work site or at the closest point of vehicular access?
6. Does decontamination site for early-entry workers have soap, single-use towels and sufficient water (10 gal. for one employee, 20 gal. for 2 or more employees)?

Comments:

Section 8: PPE

- 1. Is PPE provided and appropriate for tasks performed?
2. Is PPE in good condition?
3. Is PPE cleaned and maintained appropriately after each use?
4. Does the employee know not to take home PPE?
5. Is PPE stored appropriately and away from pesticides?
6. Has the employee been trained on respirator use and maintenance?
7. Are filters replaced according to manufacturer's directions?
8. Are there any PPE usage problems?
9. Has the employee been trained in PPE use and removal?
10. Does the employee know what precautions to take to avoid heat illness?

Comments:

- 1. Is transportation made available to any employee who becomes sick or is believed to be injured by pesticides?
Who provides transportation?
- 2. Has any employee ever become ill as a result of being drifted upon or from being exposed to pesticides or pesticide residues?
- 3. What was the cause of the exposure?
- 4. Was the incident ever reported?
- 5. Has there ever been an incident where the employer hindered an employees' ability to comply with the WPS?
- 6. Has there ever been an incident where the employer retaliated against an employee for trying to comply with the WPS?
- 7. Does the employee feel comfortable asking his employer or supervisor any type of question related to the WPS
(i.e. central notification, training, decontamination, notification of applications, early-entry, PPE, emergency assistance, etc.)

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