

## Z: STANISLAUS COUNTY PESTICIDE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE REMINDERS 2023

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 and obtain 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> (retain for your records). (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. <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 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. Bee Protection - Pesticide applicators, Pest Control Businesses, and Pest Control Advisors can use the BeeWhere website to obtain contact information for beekeepers with colonies within a mile of an upcoming 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.
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 visit: <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/rulepks/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). In California, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) must meet these revised standards of 40 CFR Part 171 set by the U.S. EPA, which has expanded the competency standards for the Private Applicator Certificate (PAC) examinations. As a result, all existing PAC holders who were issued PAC prior to January 1, 2024, will be invalid on their expiration date and shall not be eligible for renewal. All existing PAC holders must take and pass a revised PAC (initial) examination, which includes the revised competencies, prior to the expiration of their certificate. 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, PAC holders using fumigants labeled for the control of burrowing vertebrate pests may obtain the new PAC category for “Burrowing Vertebrate Pest Control”. This must be obtained by January 1, 2024, to remain in compliance. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/rulepkgs/22-003/22-003.htm>