




Z: STANISLAUS COUNTY PESTICIDE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE REMINDERS 2025

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 10th 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. Changes to Authorized Representatives to whom a Restricted Material Permit was issued, must be reflected on the permit as soon as they occur.
6. **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. 

For additional information on Bee Precaution Pesticide Ratings of various pesticides, you can visit the following webpage of the University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources: <https://ipm.ucanr.edu/bee-precaution-pesticide-ratings/>

7. 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>



8. **Private Applicator Certification Changes** (Effective January 1, 2024): 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 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.



9. **Regulations to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs)** from nonfumigant pesticides apply to high-VOC products containing abamectin, chlorpyrifos, gibberellins, or oxyfluorfen when used in the San Joaquin Valley ozone nonattainment area. The regulations do not apply to low-VOC products for any active ingredients. The prohibitions on the high-VOC products will be in effect between the May 1 through October 31 period during 2025. For further information please scan the QR code or visit https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/emon/vocs/vocproj/reduce_nonfumigant.htm



10. **Neonicotinoid Regulations to Protect Pollinators** (Effective January 1, 2024): The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has adopted regulations to limit neonicotinoid pesticide product use in the production of certain agricultural commodities. The new regulations apply to soil and foliar applications of products containing clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid, and thiamethoxam. The regulations do not apply to neonicotinoid use in non-agricultural (e.g., structural or home use) or non-production agricultural (e.g., parks, cemeteries) settings, to applications to nursery stock, or to seed treatment applications. For further information please scan the QR code or visit: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/enforce/neonicotinoid/neonicotinoid_regulations.htm (3CCR 6990).



11. **Civil Penalty Actions by Commissioners** (Effective July 1, 2024): DPR amended section 6130 of Title 3, California Code of Regulations. This action increased the fine range for administrative civil penalties levied by county agricultural commissioners from a maximum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$15,000 for Class A violations of pesticide use law and from a maximum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$3,000 for Class B violations of pesticide use law. For further information please scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/rulepkgs/23-002/23-002.htm>



12. For details on other proposed and recently adopted regulations, please visit: <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/rulepkgs.htm>