# Pesticide Handler Requirements

**Instructions:** This checklist is designed to self-evaluate WPS compliance for a greenhouse / nursery facility and document WPS training. Use the checklist as a guide to conduct site specific WPS training. When complete, sign and date the form, and keep this copy on file to document training has been completed.

## Pesticide Safety Training for Handlers

- [ ] Have handlers received complete WPS training prior to doing any handling task?
  - [ ] On-Line Module / Video (EPA Approved) #______________________________
  - [ ] Site Specific Training (policy, procedures, item locations)
- [ ] Is safety information presented in a manner that handlers can understand?
- [ ] Can you document that handlers were trained?

## Information at a Central Location

Is the following information displayed where it is easily accessible and can be easily seen and read by handlers before a pesticide is applied?

- [ ] Pesticide-specific application information
- [ ] Emergency medical information
- [ ] Pesticide safety poster

Does the pesticide application information include the following?

- [ ] Location of treated area
- [ ] Product name
- [ ] EPA registration number
- [ ] Active ingredient(s)
- [ ] Time and date pesticide is to be applied
- [ ] Restricted-entry interval (REI)

Is the pesticide application information displayed until at least 30 days have passed since the pesticide was applied or REI has been in effect?

## Decontamination Supplies

- [ ] Are there at least 3 gallons of water available for each handler for routine washing and emergency washing of the entire body?
- [ ] Is there at least 1 pint of immediately available clean water for eye flushing when a label specifies the use of protective eyewear?
- [ ] Are there enough single-use towels and soap available?
  - Are decontamination supplies located at:
    - [ ] Mixing/loading sites?
    - [ ] Within ¼ mile of the application site?
    - [ ] Where personal protective equipment (PPE) is removed?
- [ ] Are decontamination supplies in enclosed containers while in areas being treated?
- [ ] Is there a clean change of clothes available in case of emergency?
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

☐ Is emergency transportation promptly available?

☐ Is the following information promptly available to medical personnel upon request?
  - Product label information
  - Description of way the pesticide was being used
  - Circumstances of worker’s exposure to pesticide

RESTRICTION DURING APPLICATIONS

☐ Do handlers know not to apply a pesticide in any manner that may contact, directly or through drift, anyone other than trained and equipped handlers?

MONITORING HANDLERS

☐ Will handlers be monitored every 2 hours by voice or sight while they work with a pesticide that has a skull and crossbones on the label?

☐ Will a handler applying a fumigant in a greenhouse be visually monitored constantly by an equipped, trained handler?

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLERS

☐ Are handlers informed before they start handling jobs of all safety instructions on the label?

☐ Will the label be available for handlers to consult after starting the job?

☐ Do handlers know how to safely use chemicals and application equipment?

☐ Are commercial applicators aware of any applications near the area where they will work?

EQUIPMENT SAFETY

☐ Are handlers instructed in the safe operation of the equipment they will be using?

☐ Is handling equipment inspected and repaired before each day of use?

☐ Are only trained and equipped handlers repairing, cleaning or adjusting any handling equipment that contains pesticides or pesticide residues?

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

☐ Is label-required PPE provided for handlers?

☐ Are handlers informed on how to wear the necessary PPE correctly?

☐ Is PPE kept clean, well-maintained and inspected before use?

☐ Is PPE washed and stored seperately from other clothes and pesticide storage areas?

☐ If a respirator is worn, has it been fit tested?

☐ Are filter cartridges or dust filters replaced when the label requires, damaged, or at the end of the work day if there are no other instructions available?

☐ Do employees know not to take heavily contaminated clothing or PPE off-site or home?

NAME AND SIGNATURE

The WPS material listed above has been provided by the supervisor/manager to the pesticide handler.

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Handler Name ____________________________________________________________

Signature _________________________________________________________________

Date _______________________

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Supervisor / Manager Name ________________________________________________

Signature ________________________________________________________________

Date _______________________