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Regulation 3514.2: Integrated Pest Management

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The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement an integrated pest management program that incorporates effective least toxic pest management practices.

Integrated pest management is a strategy that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems through a combination of techniques such as monitoring for pest presence and establishing treatment threshold levels, using nonchemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest development, improving sanitation, and employing mechanical and physical controls. (Food and Agricultural Code 13181)

Notification

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify staff and parents/guardians of students enrolled at a school site, in writing, regarding pesticide products expected to be applied at the school facility in the upcoming year. The notification shall include at least the following: (Education Code 17612)

- 1. The Internet address used to access information on pesticides and pesticide use reduction developed by the Department of Pesticide Regulation pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code 13184.
- 2. The name of each pesticide product expected to be applied in the upcoming year and the active ingredient(s) in it.
- 3. An opportunity for interested persons to register to receive notification of individual pesticide application at the school site. The Superintendent or designee shall notify such registered persons of individual pesticide applications at least 72 hours prior to the application.
- 4. Other information deemed necessary by the Superintendent or designee.
- (cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 Employee Notifications)
- (cf. 5145.6 Parental Notifications)

If a pesticide product not included in the annual notification is subsequently intended for use at the school site, the Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification of its intended use to staff and parents/guardians of students enrolled at the school, at least 72 hours prior to the application. (Education Code 17612)

Posting of Warning Signs

The Superintendent or designee shall post a warning sign at each area of the school site where pesticides will be applied, at least 24 hours prior to the application and until 72 hours after the application. The warning sign shall display the following: (Education Code 17612)

- 1. The term "Warning/Pesticide Treated Area".
- 2. The product name, manufacturer's name, and the Environmental Protection Agency's product registration number.
- 3. Intended areas and dates of application.
- 4. Reason for the pesticide application.

Notification During Emergency Conditions

Whenever the Superintendent or designee deems that the immediate use of a pesticide is necessary to protect the health and safety of students, staff, or other persons, or the school site, he/she shall make every effort to provide the required notifications prior to the application of a pesticide. In such a case, the warning sign shall be posted immediately upon application and shall remain posted until 72 hours after the application. (Education Code 17609, 17612)

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)