



Imperial County Restricted Materials Permit Conditions

Effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Notice of Intent Requirements

A written notice of intent (“NOI”) shall be in the possession of the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office (“CAC”) at least 24 hours prior to commencing the use of a California restricted material unless the CAC grants a specific waiver or if fumigants are being applied (see “Fumigants”).

The intended date and start time shall be on the NOI, must reflect at least 24 hours from when this office receives the NOI, and the application shall not begin before the intended start time. The NOI will be valid until 11:59 p.m. on the fourth calendar day following the proposed date of application.

The NOI shall indicate that warning signs are required to be posted around the intended treatment area whenever required by the recommended pesticide product labeling or whenever the recommended application will result in a Restricted Entry Interval greater than 48 hours.

Alternatives and Mitigation Measures

3CCR 6426 requires the permit applicant (grower) and his/her pest control advisor to consider alternatives to the use of a restricted material before applying for a permit. If alternatives are not considered, our office will refuse the permit and direct the permit applicant to comply with 3CCR 6426.

Protection of Waterways

No pesticides shall be applied to any field during irrigation where run-off is likely to occur.

Maps and Mitigation Measures

Each application site shall be identified on a clear and legible map. Sensitive sites (3CCR 6428) and all areas where a pesticide application may adversely impact health, the environment, or property shall be clearly identified on the map, including the distances from the treatment site to the impacted areas.

Site-specific map conditions shall be indicated on the map. When site-specific map conditions include reference to Def or Folex, these conditions apply to all products including the active ingredients S,S,S-tributyl phosphorotrithioate and tributyl phosphorotrithioite. Permittee and applicator are responsible for complying with all conditions. The written recommendation must not conflict with any conditions.

Aerial applications to fields adjacent to inhabited properties or sensitive environmental areas shall utilize a buffer of at least 100 feet to prevent adverse impact to these areas. The written recommendation shall include a statement or map identifying areas where the 100-foot buffer extends into any portion of the area to be treated.

When warning signs are required to be posted for worker notification, the operator of the property shall post signs around the intended treatment area prior to the start of the application pursuant to 3CCR 6776. If a pest control business is performing the application, the application shall not begin until warning signs have been posted around the intended treatment area. The property operator, not the pest control business, is responsible for removing any posted warning signs upon expiration.



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Residential Area: Three or more contiguous and inhabited properties.

Applications Near Schools or Daycares

- No aerial applications within 1 mile of school or daycare grounds when the school or daycare is in session or when school or daycare grounds are occupied.
- No ground applications within 1/2 mile of school or daycare grounds when the school or daycare is in session or when school or daycare grounds are occupied.
- No aerial applications within 1/4 mile of school or daycare grounds within 12 hours prior to when the school or daycare will be in session.

Protection of Bees

Pesticides whose labeling includes the words “toxic to bees” shall not be applied to fields that have bloom, including weed bloom, at any time when bees are visiting the treatment area. Applications of pesticides toxic to bees may be approved based on one of the following conditions:

- The NOI establishes that there is no bloom at the treatment site; or,
- The NOI establishes that the application shall start no earlier than 1 hour after sunset and finish no later than 2 hours before sunrise.

In all cases, the operator must comply with the more restrictive conditions and/or specific label requirements and regulations for bloom and pollinator protection.

Phenoxy Herbicide Use Restrictions

Phenoxy herbicides, including 2,4-D; 2,4-DB; DMA salt of Dicamba (Banvel); and DGA salt of Dicamba (Clarity), shall not be applied except under the following conditions or by special job permit:

- A statement establishing the following shall be included on the NOI:
 - No applications of 2,4-D shall be performed when there are peppers, tomatoes, or cotton within 1 mile or cucurbits within 1/2 mile of the application site.
 - No applications of 2,4-DB or DMA salt of Dicamba (Banvel) shall be performed when there are peppers, tomatoes, cotton, or cucurbits within 1/2 mile of the application site.
 - No applications of DGA salt of Dicamba (Clarity) shall be performed when there are peppers, tomatoes, cotton, or cucurbits within 1/4 mile of the application site.
- The locations of all crops that are susceptible to the phenoxy herbicide being applied within 500 feet of the treatment area shall be clearly identified by common name on the NOI.
- No aerial applications of phenoxy herbicides shall be performed between March 15 and September 30.



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Fumigants

Most fumigants require a Job Permit and site-specific Fumigant Management Plan (“FMP”). Do not apply a fumigant without first obtaining written permission from the Commissioner.

Paraquat Use Restrictions

- All persons handling paraquat must be certified applicators. Non-certified persons working under the supervision of a certified applicator are prohibited from handling paraquat. Prohibited activities for non-certified persons include mixing, loading, transferring, applying, assisting with the application, cleaning, or servicing equipment that may contain residue and other related activities that may result in an exposure.
- All persons handling paraquat must complete the U.S. EPA training before handling paraquat. The training can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/paraquat-dichloride-training-certified-applicators>.
- All handling of paraquat must make use of the Tier 1 closed system as defined in 3CCR 6746(b) and 6746(f).

I have received a copy of these requirements and understand that the California Food and Agricultural Code establishes that violations of pesticide use and worker safety requirements are subject to civil penalties of up to \$15,000 per violation.

_____ Initial to acknowledge that you have read and understood the information in this document.