Pesticide Application Inspections and Common Violations

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Most Common Violations

- Labeling
- > PPE
- Decontamination Facilities
- Pesticide Storage
- Pesticide Transport

Labeling

- First always read the label prior to applying any pesticides.
- Check for accurate rate measurement, post application specific requirements such as REI, and PPE for fieldworkers.
- > Check if the use of an adjuvant is required.
- Check if the label restricts applications due to weather conditions, ex. inversion layer or wind speed.





Personal Protective Equipment

- Required by the label and also for mixing and loading of pesticides.
 - Growers are not exempt from wearing PPE listed on the label.
- What if it is provided and the employee refuses to wear it?
 - Do not allow an application to occur without the use of PPE.
 - Disciplinary action policy.



Decontamination Facilities

- What are the three things you need in a decontamination facility?
- What else do you need if applying Warning/Danger pesticides?
- Are cloth towels ok instead of paper towels?
- How much water is enough?
- Is hand sanitizer the same as soap?
- When do you need eyewash? Where should it be kept? Can you drink your eyewash water?
- How far away can the decontamination be from the pesticide applicator?

3 requirements in a decontamination facility



Pesticide Containers

- > Required to be triple rinsed at time of use.
- All containers must be stored in your locked pesticide storage area.
- If you have any warning or danger class pesticides the storage area must be posted with a Danger Sign.
- Remember the sign must be readable at a distance of 25'









Pesticide Transport

- Pesticides shall not be transported in the same compartment with persons, food or feed.
- Pesticide containers shall be secured to vehicles during transportation in a manner that will prevent spillage onto the vehicle or off the vehicle. Paper, cardboard, and similar containers shall be covered when necessary to protect them from moisture.



