

Chapter Ag 29

PESTICIDE USE AND CONTROL

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Note: See chapters NR 80 and 107, Wis. Adm. Code for pesticide rules of the department of natural resources. See also chapter NR 181, Wis. Adm. Code, pertaining to disposal of hazardous wastes.

Ag 29.01 Definitions. (1) "Accident" means an unexpected or undesirable event caused by the use or presence of a pesticide, adversely affecting persons, property or the environment.

(2) "Agricultural commodity" means any plant or part of a plant, or animal or animal product, produced by a person primarily for sale, consumption, propagation or other use by humans or animals, as defined in s. 94.67 (2), Stats.

(3) "Air gap" means the unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe supplying water to a tank, vat, reservoir, or other pesticide container and the flood level rim of the tank, vat, reservoir or other container.

(4) "Automatic low pressure drain valve" means a self-activating device which is designed and constructed to drain the water supply pipeline in a chemigation system if water pressure falls or the water supply pump ceases operation.

(5) "Business location," as used under s. Ag 29.11 (1), means any place from which a commercial application business operates on a regular basis as a commercial applicator for hire. "Business location" includes a location at which orders for pesticide applications are regularly taken, but does not include motorized vehicles containing mobile telephone units utilized to take pesticide application orders.

(6) "Calibration of equipment" means the measurement of dispersal or output of application equipment, and the adjustment of such equipment to control the rate of dispersal and droplet or particle size of a pesticide dispersed by the equipment.

(7) "Catch basin" means all structures or containers used to provide the containment capacity required to contain or hold liquids at a site

where pesticides are transferred from one container to another. The term may include spill containment surfaces, sumps and above ground storage containers.

(8) "Certified applicator" means a private applicator or individual commercial applicator who is certified by the department under s. 94.705, Stats., and this chapter.

(9) "Check valve" means a device designed and constructed to close a water supply pipeline, pesticide injection line, or other conduit in a chemigation system and to prevent reverse flow in that line.

(10) "Chemigation" means the process of applying pesticides with irrigation water during irrigation.

(11) "Chemigation system" means a device or system which mixes pesticides with irrigation water drawn from any source, and which applies the pesticides with the irrigation water during irrigation.

(12) "Commercial applicator" means a person, whether or not a private applicator with respect to some uses, who uses or directs the use of any pesticide, either directly or through an employe, for any purpose or on any property other than as a private applicator. "Commercial applicator" does not include:

(a) A person who applies a pesticide, other than a restricted-use pesticide, solely for household purposes in and around that person's residence.

(b) A person who contracts with a commercial applicator for hire to apply a pesticide for that person, if the person does not otherwise use or direct the use of a pesticide as a commercial applicator.

(13) "Commercial applicator for hire" means a commercial applicator who uses or directs the use of a pesticide as an independent contractor for hire, either directly or through an employe. "Commercial applicator for hire" does not include a provider of janitorial, cleaning or sanitizing services if the provider of the services uses no pesticides other than sanitizers, disinfectants and germicides.

(14) "Common exposure route" means a likely way by which a pesticide may reach or enter an organism.

(15) "Compatibility" means that property of a pesticide which permits it to be used or combined with another pesticide or chemical without undesirable results being caused by the combination.

(16) "Competent" means qualified to perform functions associated with pesticide application, the degree of capability required being directly related to the nature of the activity and associated responsibility.

(17) "Department" means the state of Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.

(18) "Directs the use" means to select a pesticide for use by another person or to instruct or control the application of a pesticide by another person and to be available if and when needed during that application. "Directs the use" may, but does not necessarily, mean to be physically present at the time and place a pesticide is being applied.

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(19) "Display" means the exposure or holding open to public view of pesticides in any sales room or business area from which sales are made and to which the public has access.

(20) "Distributor" means a person engaged in the sale of pesticides for resale and includes a person who sells at both wholesale and retail, as provided in s. 94.67 (11), Stats.

(21) "Environment" includes water, air, land and all plants and persons and other animals living in or on the water, air, or land and the interrelationships which exist among them, as defined in s. 94.67 (12), Stats.

(22) "Federal act" means the federal insecticide, fungicide, and rodenticide act, as amended (7 USC 136 et seq.) and regulations issued under that act.

(23) "Flow interrupter" means a device designed and constructed to stop the flow through a pesticide injection line if a pesticide injection unit ceases operation.

(24) "Flush time" means the time needed under normal operating conditions to completely fill an irrigation system with water so that all outlets are discharging water.

(25) "Immediately adjacent land" means, with respect to the advance notification requirement under s. Ag 29.15 (4) (b), land which is directly contiguous to land on which pesticides may be applied, or which is separated only by a road, railway, or utility right-of-way, or by a government-owned land corridor or waterway having a width of not more than 66 feet.

(26) "Individual commercial applicator" means a natural person who does any of the following:

(a) Personally uses or directs the use of any pesticide as a commercial applicator for hire, or as an employe of a commercial applicator for hire. This paragraph does not apply to a person performing janitorial, cleaning or sanitizing services if the person uses no pesticides other than sanitizers, disinfectants and germicides.

(b) Personally uses a restricted-use pesticide as a commercial applicator.

(c) Directs the use of a pesticide by a person specified under par. (a) or (b).

(d) Mixes or directs the mixing of a pesticide for the purpose of commercial application.

(e) Loads or directs the loading of a pesticide into application or nurse equipment for the purpose of commercial application.

(27) "Injection unit" means a chemical metering pump or device that withdraws pesticide from a supply tank and injects the pesticide into irrigation water during chemigation.

(28) "Irrigation" means the application of water by any means to land, crops or plants in order to supply the water needs of plants or to promote plant growth.

(29) "New product" means a pesticide product which is not a federally registered product.

(30) "Nonpotable water supply" means a well or other source of water which is not used for human consumption, hygiene or preparation of food products. "Nonpotable water supply" includes surface water.

(31) "Non-target organism" means a plant or animal other than the one against which the pesticide is applied.

(32) "Ornamental" means trees, shrubs, and other plantings grown for their decorative effect in or around homes, buildings, parks, streets, or roadways.

(33) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, and any other business association or entity. The term includes counties, municipalities and townships.

(34) "Pest" means any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria or other microorganism, except viruses, bacteria or other microorganisms on or in living persons or other living animals, declared to be a pest under the federal act or this chapter.

(35) "Pesticide" means any substance or mixture of substances labeled or designed or intended for use in preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest, or as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant, as defined in s. 94.67 (25), Stats. For purposes of use, storage, transportation, disposal and display under this chapter, the term includes pesticide-fertilizer mixtures and seeds, seed pieces and other plant parts intended for planting or propagation which have been treated with a pesticide.

(36) "Pesticide drift" means the drifting or movement of pesticide by air currents or diffusion onto property beyond the boundaries of the target area to be treated with pesticide, other than by pesticide overspray. Absent evidence of pesticide overspray, the application of pesticide beyond the boundaries of the target area shall be considered to be the result of pesticide drift.

(37) "Pesticide mixing and loading site," as used under s. Ag 29.151, means a site or facility where more than 1,500 pounds of pesticide active ingredients, including pesticide active ingredients, contained in pesticide-fertilizer mixtures or combinations, are transferred from one container to another, repackaged, or mixed in dry or liquid form during any calendar year. If, during any calendar year, more than 1500 lbs. of pesticide active ingredients are mixed or loaded at 2 or more locations which are within ½ mile of each other, and which are under common ownership or control, those locations are collectively considered a "pesticide mixing and loading site" under this subsection. Transfer between containers includes transfers to pesticide application equipment and nurse tanks.

(38) "Pesticide overspray" means the application of pesticide onto property beyond the boundaries of the target area to be treated, by the failure to control the direct flow or application of pesticide from the application equipment, under surrounding conditions of use and application, so as to confine the pesticide to the target area.

(39) "Pesticide product" means a pesticide, all of the containers of which in commerce are labeled with a unique combination of all of the following:

(a) The brand name of the pesticide.

(b) The pesticide registration number assigned to the pesticide under the federal act.

(c) The name of the pesticide labeler.

(41) "Pesticide review board" means the board created under s. 15.195 (1), Stats.

(42) "Pesticide supply tank" means a container used to hold pesticides for injection into a chemigation system.

(43) "Potable water supply" means a well or other source of water which is used for human consumption, hygiene or preparation of food products.

(44) "Practical knowledge" means the possession and comprehension of pertinent facts together with the ability to use them in dealing with specific problems and situations.

(45) "Private applicator" means a person who uses or directs the use of any pesticide for the purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by the person or the person's employer, or on property of another person if the pesticide is used without compensation other than the trading of goods or services between producers of agricultural commodities on an exchange basis.

(46) "Protective equipment" means clothing or any other materials or devices that shield against unintended exposure to pesticides.

(47) "Reduced pressure principle backflow preventer" means a backflow prevention device consisting of 2 independently acting check valves, spring-loaded to a closed position and separated by an intermediate chamber in which there is an automatic relief vented to the atmosphere, spring-loaded to the open position.

(48) "Regulated pest" means a specific organism considered under the federal act or rules of the department to be a pest requiring regulatory restrictions, regulations, or control procedures in order to protect the host, or persons or the environment.

(49) "Residential premises," as used under s. Ag 29.15 (10) and (11), means a structure which is used wholly or in part as a human residence, and includes all lawns, grounds, facilities and furnishings pertaining to that structure. "Residential premises" includes a residential structure occupied on a rental basis, and also includes a mobile home and the site on which it is located. "Residential premises" does not include:

(a) A hotel, motel or similar premises occupied on a transient basis.

(b) A hospital, nursing home or similar facility occupied by persons receiving medical care or related services.

(c) A prison, jail or other place of detention.

(50) "Restricted-use pesticide" means a pesticide which, with respect to certain or all of its uses, is classified under the federal act or s. Ag 29.08 (6), as a restricted-use pesticide for use only by certified applicators.

(51) "Retail dealer" means a person engaged in the sale of pesticides to consumers at retail.

(52) "Similar composition" means composition of a pesticide product which, when compared to a federally registered pesticide product, has the same active ingredients, and the same category of toxicity, as the federally registered product with which it is compared.

(53) "Similar use" means use of a pesticide product which, when compared to a federally registered use of a product with similar composition, is substantially the same as the federally registered use, and does not require a change in precautionary labeling under the federal act.

(54) "Special local need" means an existing or imminent pest problem within the state which cannot be adequately controlled by the use of any available federally-registered pesticide product.

(55) "Storage" means the keeping or holding of pesticides, other than pesticides on display, at any location at which pesticides are held for distribution, sale, use or disposal, and except for storage as used in s. Ag 29.15 (1), excludes pesticides held on residential property for use in and about the home.

(56) "Supplemental registrant" means a person in whose name a pesticide is supplementally registered with the federal environmental protection agency under the federal act.

(57) "Target organism" means a plant, animal, or other organism against which a pesticide is applied.

(58) "Toxicity" means the property of a pesticide to cause any adverse physiological effects.

(59) "Vacuum relief valve" means an atmospheric device designed, constructed and installed to protect against back-siphonage by allowing the entry of air to relieve vacuums in a chemigation system.

(60) "Waters of the state" means those portions of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, and all lakes, bays, rivers, streams, springs, ponds, wells, impounding reservoirs, marshes, water courses, drainage systems and other surface or ground water, whether public or private, within the state or its jurisdiction.

Note: Additional definitions are found in s. 94.67, Stats.

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2. The range of concentrations and potential total quantities of pesticide, or the range of amounts of pesticide active ingredients, which may be applied.

3. The pesticide label of each pesticide which may be applied.

4. The date on which the pesticide application will be made. The pesticide application date may be verbally communicated to the resident by the commercial applicator if the resident consents to such notification at the time the advance notice is provided under par. (a).

5. The name, address and telephone number of a person employed by the commercial application business whom residents may contact to obtain further information about the application.

(c) *Pre-application notice; exemption.* If a pesticide is to be applied to residential premises containing two or more dwelling units, the notification under par. (a) may be provided to the person requesting the pesticide application, rather than to all residents.

(d) *Application information; required whether or not requested.* Except as provided under par. (f), a commercial applicator who applies pesticides to turf, ornamentals or structures on residential premises shall provide the following information to residents in the manner prescribed under par. (e) at the time of application, regardless of whether the information is requested:

1. The name of the applicator, and the applicator's license and certification number if applicable.

2. The telephone number of the applicator or the applicator's employer.

3. The common chemical or brand name of the pesticide applied.

4. The concentration and total quantity of the pesticide applied, or the amount of pesticide active ingredient applied per unit area and the total area treated.

5. Any pertinent post-application precautions stated on the pesticide label, including precautions related to re-entry into or use of treated areas.

6. The date and approximate time of application.

(e) *Application information; how provided.* Information under par. (d) related to pesticide applications to turf, ornamentals or structures on residential premises shall be provided to residents as follows:

1. If an application is made in or around a single family residence or dwelling unit, the information shall be left at that residence or dwelling unit before the applicator leaves the residence or dwelling unit.

2. If an application is made to common areas within structures containing multiple dwelling units, or to turf or ornamentals on residential premises containing multiple dwelling units, the required information shall be left at each dwelling unit before the applicator leaves the premises. Alternatively, the applicator may post clearly legible notices in common entryways or other conspicuous locations before making the application, so that there is a reasonable likelihood that all residents will be notified.

(f) Paragraphs (a) and (d) do not apply to applications of germicides, sanitizers or disinfectants.

(12) VIOLATIONS BY EMPLOYER OR CONTRACTOR. No person who employs a pesticide applicator, or who contracts with a pesticide applicator to use a pesticide on that person's behalf, may direct, compel or coerce the pesticide applicator in any manner to use a pesticide in violation of ss. 94.67 to 94.71, Stats., or this chapter knowing that there is a reasonable likelihood that the use would be in violation of the law.

Note: Nothing in this chapter limits the civil or criminal liability of an employer or contractor for the acts or omissions of a pesticide applicator if the employer or contractor may be held jointly liable with the applicator under this chapter or other applicable law.

(13) VIOLATION OF PREHARVEST INTERVAL. No person may harvest an agricultural commodity from a pesticide application site during the preharvest interval specified for that commodity on the pesticide label. The landowner or person controlling the use of the pesticide application site is responsible for any violation of this paragraph. If a commercial applicator for hire makes the pesticide application, the commercial applicator for hire is also responsible for any violation of this paragraph unless the applicator clearly informs the contracting party of the preharvest interval and the requirements of this paragraph prior to making the application.

(14) PESTICIDE SPILLS. Pesticide spills shall be immediately contained and recovered in a manner which prevents contamination of the waters of the state, and prevents hazards to persons, property, fish and other animals. Surfaces upon which pesticides have been spilled shall be promptly cleaned to assure the maximum recovery of the material spilled.

Note: The department of natural resources administers rules which require reporting of spills. Reporting requirements are based upon the quantity of pesticide spilled.

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Ag 29.151 Pesticide mixing and loading. (1) GENERAL. Except as provided under sub. (6), pesticide mixing and loading operations shall comply with applicable requirements under subs. (2) to (5) if the mixing or loading operations are conducted:

(a) Within 100 feet of any well or surface water; or

(b) At a pesticide mixing and loading site as defined under s. Ag 29.01 (37).

(2) SPILL CONTAINMENT SURFACE. (a) General. Pesticide mixing and loading operations under sub. (1), including operations to impregnate fertilizers with pesticides, shall be conducted over a surface which is designated to catch and contain pesticide spills. Except as provided under par. (c), the surface shall be paved or lined with asphalt, concrete or other materials approved in writing by the department.

Note: The department will maintain a list of approved paving and lining materials for various pesticide compounds, and will provide the current list to interested persons upon request. Additional materials may be approved and added to this list if the person requesting approval provides the department with information demonstrating the adequacy of the material. Register, April, 1990, No. 412

rials under intended conditions of use. Information shall include relevant information related to chemical compatibility, permeability, and physical characteristics and durability.

(b) *Liquid pesticides; spill containment surface.* If any liquid pesticide, including any pesticide mixed with a liquid carrier, is mixed or loaded over a spill containment surface under par. (a), the spill containment surface shall:

1. Be curbed or sloped to contain spillage and prevent liquids from adjacent surfaces from flowing onto the spill containment surface; and
2. Form or drain into a liquid-tight catch basin which meets the capacity requirements under sub. (3).

(c) *Nonliquid pesticides; spill containment surface.* 1. If no liquid pesticides are mixed or loaded over a spill containment surface, the spill containment surface need not comply with the curbing and catch basin requirements under par. (b). Impregnation of a nonliquid fertilizer with a liquid pesticide constitutes the mixing or loading of a nonliquid pesticide under this paragraph.

2. If nonliquid pesticides are mixed or loaded over a spill containment surface under par. (a), the spill containment surface shall be of adequate size to contain reasonably foreseeable spills or overflow from the largest vehicle to which those pesticides are transferred at that location. The spill containment surface shall extend beneath the pesticide load-out conveyor, if any, unless the load-out conveyor is fully enclosed within a housing which is adequate to contain any spillage from the conveyor. The spill containment surface shall be constructed to prevent water or other liquids from flowing onto the surface. The spill containment surface for mixing and loading of nonliquid pesticides may consist of a tarpaulin made of nonabsorbent materials which is of adequate thickness and construction to withstand all foreseeable loading conditions.

(3) **CATCH BASIN.** (a) *Minimum capacity; general.* Except as provided under par. (b), the catch basin under sub. (2) (b) 2 shall have an available capacity of at least 1,500 gallons. To attain the required capacity, the catch basin may include a sump from which liquids are automatically pumped to an above-ground container.

(b) *Pesticide containers smaller than 1,000 gallons.* If no pesticide is transferred from or into a container larger than 1,000 gallons, including containers on application equipment, the available capacity of the catch basin under sub. (2) (b) 2 shall be at least 125% of the capacity of the largest container loaded or unloaded at the site.

(4) **RECOVERY OF DISCHARGES.** Pesticides spilled or intentionally released onto a spill containment surface under sub. (2) shall be promptly recovered from the spill containment surface or catch basin.

(5) **STORAGE OF SPILLS AND RINSATE.** Spilled pesticides and spilled materials containing pesticides may not be stored below ground level. Above ground containers used to hold pesticide spills or rinsate shall be located within secondary containment which complies with s. Ag 163.04.

(6) **EXEMPTIONS.** Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to any of the operations identified under pars. (a) to (e). If nonexempt operations are conducted at the same location as exempt operations, the location is not exempt.

(a) Pesticide applications to waters of the state for the management or control of aquatic plants or organisms, provided that the application complies with ch. NR 107.

(b) Mixing or loading pesticides into application equipment having a total capacity of 5 gallons or less of liquid pesticide, or 50 pounds or less of nonliquid pesticide.

(c) Pesticide mixing or loading operations conducted before January 1, 1993 at a site owned or controlled by the same person for whom the pesticide is being applied, provided that the mixing or loading is conducted at least 100 feet away from any well or surface water.

(d) Pesticide mixing or loading operations conducted at or immediately adjacent to the pesticide application site, provided that the mixing or loading operation is conducted at least 100 feet away from any well or surface water.

(e) Pesticide mixing and loading operations, including the transfer of pesticides into mixing equipment, conducted before January 1, 1993 at a site where fixed or rotary-wing aircraft are loaded if the aircraft is loaded over a permanent or portable spill containment system that meets all of the following requirements;

1. The spill containment system will contain any leak or spill that may occur from any portion of the aircraft's pesticide application system excluding the spray boom.

2. The capacity of the spill containment system is at least 125% the maximum volume of the aircraft's pesticide application system.

3. The spill containment system is constructed of steel or synthetic materials that are resistant to corrosion, puncture or cracking and that are chemically compatible with the products to be loaded. A written confirmation of compatibility shall be kept at the site of the facility or at the nearest local office of the person responsible for operation of the aircraft.

4. The spill containment system is designed and constructed to withstand all foreseeable loading conditions including a full hydrostatic head of any discharged liquid.

5. All equipment for mixing and loading pesticide including the aircraft are located at least 100 feet away from any well or surface water.

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Ag 29.152 Chemigation. (1) **GENERAL.** No person may apply a pesticide by means of chemigation unless the chemigation system complies with this section. Before initial operation of a chemigation system, the operator shall provide written notice to the department under sub. (15). Chemigation systems shall be designed, constructed, maintained and operated in compliance with this section. The requirements of this section do not apply to residential lawn and garden pesticide applications, direct injection of pesticides into plants or direct application of pesticide to roots of ornamental trees and shrubs.

Note: For additional requirements related to chemigation systems, see NR 112.15 (8) and ILHR 82.41.

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trol pests in the maintenance of public roads, electric powerlines, pipelines, railway right-of-ways or other similar areas.

(b) Applicators shall demonstrate practical knowledge of the wide variety of environments involved in this category, the types of pests to be controlled, and the types of pesticides which may be used to control them. They shall also demonstrate practical knowledge of the nature of herbicides and the need for containment of such pesticides within right-of-way areas; the impact right-of-way pesticide applications may have on adjacent areas and communities; and runoff, drift, and excess foliage destruction problems as well as recognition of target organisms.

(9) **INDUSTRIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, STRUCTURAL, AND HEALTH-RELATED PEST CONTROL; GENERAL.** (a) This category includes individual commercial applicators using or directing the use of pesticides to protect stored, processed, or manufactured products; or to control pests in, or around food handling establishments, human dwellings, schools, institutions, industrial establishments, warehouses, grain elevators, and any other public or private structures and adjacent areas. It does not include individual commercial applicators under subs. (10) to (14).

(b) Applicators shall demonstrate practical knowledge of a wide variety of pests and their life cycles; types of pesticides and pesticide formulations which may be used for their control; methods of application that avoid the contamination of food, the damage and contamination of habitat, and the exposure of people and pets to pesticides; and specific factors which may lead to a hazardous condition including continuous exposure of humans to pesticides. Applicators shall also demonstrate a practical knowledge of environmental conditions affecting the outdoor application of pesticides for health related pest control.

(10) **FUMIGATION PEST CONTROL.** (a) This category includes individual commercial applicators using or directing the use of pesticides as fumigants for the control of pests in industrial, institutional, structural, or health related pest control application by means of fumigation, including general, spot, tarpaulin, chamber, vehicle, or in-transit fumigation.

(b) Applicators shall demonstrate a practical knowledge of a wide variety of pests and their life cycles; types of pesticides which may be used for their control; methods of fumigation application that avoid the contamination of food or other products or commodities, the damage and contamination of habitat, and the exposure of people and pets to fumigants. Applicators shall also demonstrate practical knowledge of safety apparatus, re-entry times, and any other conditions necessary to ensure the safety of persons or property, non-target organisms, and the environment.

(11) **WOOD DESTROYING PEST CONTROL.** (a) This category includes individual commercial applicators using or directing the use of pesticides for the prevention or control of termites.

(b) Applicators shall demonstrate practical knowledge of the life cycle of termites; the types of pesticides and pesticide formulations which may be used to control termites; and methods of application that avoid damage and contamination of habitat and the exposure of people and pets to pesticides. Applicators shall also demonstrate practical knowledge of specific factors which may lead to hazardous conditions, including con-

tinuous exposure of humans to pesticides, and environmental factors related to the control of termites.

(12) **WOOD PRESERVATION.** (a) This category includes individual commercial applicators using or directing the use of pesticides to preserve and protect wood or wood based materials against damage from insects, fungi, surface molds and mildew, marine crustaceans, shipworms and other pests.

(a) Applicators shall demonstrate practical knowledge of wood species and wood structure, wood destroying pests and their biology, types and uses of wood preservatives and methods of application. Applicators shall also demonstrate knowledge of safe handling and disposal practices, and hazards to humans and the environment associated with use of wood preservatives.

(13) **PUBLIC HEALTH PEST CONTROL.** (a) This category includes individual commercial applicators using or directing the use of pesticides to control pests in public health programs for the management and control of pests having medical and public health importance.

(b) Applicators shall demonstrate practical knowledge of vector disease transmission as it relates to and influences application programs, the recognition of pests involved and their life cycles and habitats, and the types of pesticides which may be used for their control. Applicators shall also demonstrate practical knowledge of a great variety of environments covered by this category ranging from streams to conditions found in buildings and such non-chemical control methods as sanitation, waste disposal, and drainage.

(14) **REGULATORY PEST CONTROL.** (a) This category includes individual commercial applicators who use or direct the use of pesticides in the control of regulated pests.

2. Applicators shall demonstrate practical knowledge of regulated pests, the pesticides which may be used for their control, and laws relating to the quarantine and regulation of pests. They shall also demonstrate practical knowledge of factors influencing the introduction, spread and population dynamics of regulated pests; the potential impact on the environment of restricted-use pesticide used in suppression or eradication programs; and the provisions of ss. 26.30, 29.62, 144.025, Stats., and chs. NR 20, 35 and 107, Wis. Adm. Code, as they relate to the control of regulated pests. The applicator's knowledge shall extend beyond that required by their immediate duties and includes practical knowledge of regulated pests and emergency control measures invoked to control such pests in other areas of the United States.

(15) **DEMONSTRATION AND RESEARCH PEST CONTROL.** (a) This category includes individual commercial applicators who demonstrate the use and application of pesticides, or who direct such demonstrations. This category includes extension specialists and county agents, commercial representatives demonstrating pesticide products, and other individual commercial applicators who demonstrate the use and application of pesticides. This category also includes individual commercial applicators who use pesticides pursuant to any field research project.

(b) Applicators in this category who demonstrate the use and application of pesticides shall demonstrate practical knowledge and competency in a broad spectrum of pesticide uses. They shall demonstrate practical

knowledge of pests, pesticides which may be used for the control of pests, population levels occurring in each demonstration situation, and potential problems which may be associated with pest control demonstrations. They shall also demonstrate an understanding of pesticide-organism interactions and the importance of integrating pesticide use with other control methods. Applicators engaged in pesticide demonstrations or field research shall demonstrate practical knowledge and competency in all pest control categories under this section which are relevant to that demonstration or research.

(16) **CERTIFICATION CARDS.** (a) A certification card shall be issued by the department to a private or commercial applicator when the applicator has satisfied all the conditions required for certification. Persons claiming to have satisfied the applicable certification requirements may submit a request for certification to the department. The department shall grant or deny a request for certification within 20 business days after the request is made, provided that the request is accompanied by all requisite information and documentation.

(b) Duplicates of the certification card may be issued by the department to the certified applicator if the applicator's card is lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed upon payment of costs for duplicating the card.

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Ag 29.161 Commercial applicator trainee registration. (1) **REGISTRATION; AUTHORIZATION.** (a) A competent person, not certified as a commercial applicator under s. 94.705, Stats., and not licensed under s. 94.704, Stats., may commercially use pesticides for not more than 30 days as a registered trainee under this section, subject to the conditions specified under sub. (3). Registration under this section allows a registered trainee to apply pesticides only as part of a bona fide training program conducted by the trainee's employer in preparation for the trainee becoming certified and licensed as an individual commercial applicator.

(b) To be registered as a commercial applicator trainee under this section, a person shall:

1. Have the ability to understand and follow oral instructions and read and comprehend written instructions including pesticide labels and labeling information;

2. Be at least 16 years of age;

3. Be capable of performing functions associated with the proper use and application of pesticides on the basis of prior training and experience, to the satisfaction of the employer and the certified applicator under whose supervision the trainee will be acting; and

4. Be capable of carrying out assignments and instructions in a responsible manner.

(2) **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE.** To register as a commercial applicator trainee under this section, a trainee shall file with the department a completed registration form prescribed by the department. The completed registration form shall include the following information:

(a) The name and address of the applicant and the commercial application business employing the applicant.

(b) The name, certification number, pesticide use categories for which the certification is valid, and expiration date of certification, for each commercial applicator responsible for supervising the trainee under sub. (3) (c).

(c) The pesticide use category or categories under which the trainee will be using pesticides during the training period.

(d) The trade name and either the manufacturer's name or the EPA (federal environmental protection agency) registration number of each pesticide which may be applied by the trainee during the training period.

(e) The date on which the registration form is signed, and the signatures of the trainee and each of the certified and licensed applicators identified under sub. (2) (b).

(f) Other information required by the department.

(3) **CONDITIONS AND CONTROLS.** A registered trainee shall comply with all of the following conditions:

(a) A registered trainee may only use pesticides for a 30-day period beginning on the date that a complete registration form is filed with the department.

(b) A registered trainee may not use any pesticide classified as restricted-use unless authorized in writing by the department.

(c) A registered trainee may only use pesticides under the direct, on-site supervision of a certified, licensed applicator identified under sub. (2) (b), in pesticide use categories for which the supervisor is certified as a commercial applicator.

(d) A person may register as a trainee no more than once annually, except that a person may register twice within a year if the person is employed by a different commercial application business at the time of the second registration.

(e) A registered trainee may only commercially use pesticides if they have a dated copy of their registration form in their immediate possession.

(4) **SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.** The department may summarily suspend or revoke a registration under this section if any condition or requirement under which a person was registered is violated.

History: Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90.

Ag 29.162 Certification of private applicators. (1) RESTRICTED-USE PESTICIDES; CERTIFICATION REQUIRED. No person may use or direct the use of a restricted-use pesticide as a private applicator under this section. A person who mixes or loads a restricted-use pesticide, or who directs the mixing or loading of a restricted-use pesticide into pesticide application equipment or nurse tanks for application by a private applicator shall be certified as a private applicator under this section, or as an individual commercial applicator in a relevant pesticide use category under ss. Ag 29.159 and 29.16. No person under 16 years of age may be certified as a private applicator.

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(2) **STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION.** To be certified under this section, a private applicator shall demonstrate practical knowledge and competency in the proper use and application of restricted-use pesticides. An applicant for certification shall demonstrate practical knowledge and competency in each of the following areas:

(a) Pest control problems and practices associated with the production of agricultural commodities, including recognition of common pests and the damage caused by those pests.

(b) Reading and understanding pesticide labels and labeling information, including the common or generic names of pesticides; the types of pests that they are intended to control; pesticide use classifications and directions for use; pesticide application methods and timing of pesticide applications; appropriate safety measures and precautions; pre-harvest and re-entry restrictions; and pesticide disposal instructions and procedures.

(c) Applying pesticides according to label directions.

(d) Preparing correct pesticide concentrations under various circumstances, taking into account relevant factors such as the area to be covered, the speed of the application equipment, the rate of application, and the quantity dispersed during a given period of operation.

(e) Proper handling, storage and disposal of pesticides and their containers.

(f) Recognizing potential human health hazards, including hazards to farm workers, and taking appropriate precautions.

(g) Recognizing potential environmental hazards, including hazards to groundwater and endangered species, and taking appropriate precautions.

(h) Recognizing poisoning symptoms, antidotes, and procedures to follow in case of a pesticide accident.

(i) Recognizing the legal liabilities and responsibilities of a private applicator, including those provided under the federal act, ss. 94.67 to 94.71, Stats., and chs. Ag 29 and NR 80.

(3) **SUPPLEMENTARY STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION; PRIVATE APPLICATORS APPLYING FUMIGANTS.** In addition to meeting the requirements under sub. (2), a private applicator who wishes to use or direct the use of a restricted-use fumigant pesticide shall demonstrate a practical knowledge of the pests against which the fumigants may be used, the life cycles of those pests, the types of fumigants that are available for use, methods of fumigation, and potential hazards to persons and the environment from the use of fumigants. The applicant shall also demonstrate practical knowledge and competency related to the use of fumigation equipment including safety procedures; monitoring devices; re-entry intervals and posting requirements; and other measures needed to ensure the safety of persons, property and the environment. Practical knowledge and competency under this subsection shall be demonstrated by means of a written examination under sub. (5).

(4) **CERTIFICATION BY TRAINING.** Pursuant to s. 94.705 (5) (a), Stats., an applicant for private applicator certification may attend a training session approved by the department. The training shall cover the areas

of practical knowledge and competency required for certification. A private applicator shall be certified within 10 business days after the applicator successfully completes the training session. Certification is good for 5 years, unless suspended or revoked for cause.

(5) **CERTIFICATION BY EXAMINATION.** Pursuant to s. 94.705 (5) (b), Stats., an applicant for private applicator certification may take a written examination approved by the department. The examination shall cover the areas of practical knowledge and competency required for certification. A private applicator shall be certified within 10 business days after the applicator successfully completes the examination. Certification is good for 5 years unless suspended or revoked for cause.

(6) **EMERGENCY USE CERTIFICATION.** The department may issue an emergency use certification for a specific one-time use of a restricted-use pesticide, pursuant to s. 94.705 (5) (c), Stats.

(7) **CERTIFICATION FOR PERSONS OF LIMITED ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY.** The department may certify persons of limited English language ability pursuant to s. 94.705 (5) (d), Stats.

(8) **NON-RESIDENT CERTIFICATION.** The department may certify a non-resident private applicator pursuant to s. 94.705 (4), Stats.

(9) **RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION.** A person certified under sub. (4) or (5) may renew the certification for an additional 5 year period by either of the certification methods prescribed under sub. (4) or (5).

History: Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90, except (3) (b), eff. 1-1-91.

Ag 29.17 Aldicarb use restrictions; reporting requirements. (1) *Definitions.* As used in this section:

(a) "Division" means the agricultural resource management division of the department.

(b) "Point of standards application" means a point of standards application as defined in s. Ag 161.01 (13).

(c) "Prohibition area" means an area in which aldicarb use is prohibited under sub. (8).

(d) "Reliable groundwater test result" means an official groundwater test result as defined in s. Ag 161.01 (8), or a groundwater test result which the department determines to be reliable under s. Ag 161.02 (2). It includes every groundwater test result which was used as a basis for prohibiting aldicarb use under the provisions of s. Ag 29.17 or 29.171, which became effective on or after April 1, 1983.

(2) **GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON ALDICARB USE.** (a) *Amount and frequency of use.* No pesticide containing the active ingredient aldicarb may be applied at a rate exceeding 2 lbs. of aldicarb active ingredient per acre, or to the same application site more than once in any 2 successive years. Sites treated with aldicarb in 1987 may not be treated with aldicarb in 1988.

(b) *Use by certified applicators only.* Pesticides containing the active ingredient aldicarb are classified as restricted-use pesticides. As restricted-use pesticides, they may only be applied by the following persons:

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1. An individual commercial applicator certified in the pest control category pertaining to the type of application being made.

2. A certified private applicator.

(c) *Timing of application.* No pesticide containing the active ingredient aldicarb may be applied on potatoes sooner than 28 days after the date of planting or later than 42 days after the date of planting. Potatoes from fields treated with aldicarb may not be harvested sooner than 50 days after the date of treatment.

(3) **REPORT OF INTENDED APPLICATION.** (a) No person may apply a pesticide containing the active ingredient aldicarb unless a report of intended application has been filed with the department at least 45 days before the pesticide is applied. Reports of intended application shall be made on forms provided by the department, and shall specify:

1. The name, address, and applicator certification number of the person making the application.

2. The name and address of the person contracting for the application, if any.

3. The crop on which the pesticide is to be applied, and the pests intended to be controlled by the application.

4. The specific location at which the pesticide is to be applied, including town, range, section and quarter-quarter section.

5. The approximate date on which the pesticide is to be applied.

6. The size of the area to be treated, and the amount of pesticide to be applied.

7. The history of aldicarb applications, if any, to the intended application site for the previous 3 years, specifying the year of each prior application.

(c) No person may apply a pesticide containing the active ingredient aldicarb except at the location identified in the report of intended application.

(d) No person may falsify information submitted under this subsection.

(4) **DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF PROPOSED APPLICATIONS; EVALUATION OF APPLICATION SITES.** Whenever the department receives a report of intended application under sub. (3), the department shall evaluate the proposed application site for susceptibility to groundwater contamination by aldicarb residues. The evaluation shall be based on the relevant environmental characteristics of the proposed application site, including depth to groundwater and soil texture. Site characteristics used in the evaluation shall be determined on the basis of data published by the Wisconsin geological and natural history survey, the U.S. department of agriculture soil conservation service, or other reliable sources.

(5) **ALDICARB APPLICATIONS TO CERTAIN SITES PROHIBITED.** (a) The department shall, by summary special order, prohibit a proposed aldicarb application if either of the following applies:

1. The proposed application site is within a prohibition area created under sub. (8).

2. In the judgment of the department based on a site evaluation under sub. (4), the proposed application is likely to cause aldicarb residues to be present in groundwater at a concentration of 10 ppb or more at any point of standards application.

(b) A person prohibited from using aldicarb under par. (a) 1 may request an exemption from the prohibition. Except as provided in par. (c), the department may not grant an exemption unless the department makes all of the determinations required under s. 94.709 (3) (a) and (b), Stats. The department may require the requester to submit proof that the exemption requirements are met. Exemptions, if any, shall be issued in writing and be signed by the division administrator or the administrator's designee. Every exemption shall contain a specific statement of facts and conclusions which form the basis for the exemption. An exemption under this subsection does not constitute an exemption from any other provision of this section.

(c) Notwithstanding par. (a), the department may authorize the controlled application of aldicarb for research purposes, pursuant to s. 94.709 (4), Stats., as created by 1985 Wisconsin Act 206. Authorizations, if any, shall be issued in writing, and shall describe the scope and basis of the authorization.

(6) **ALDICARB APPLICATIONS PROHIBITED AT CERTAIN SITES EXCEPT IN CONJUNCTION WITH GROUNDWATER MONITORING.** (a) If a proposed aldicarb application is not subject to prohibition under sub. (5), but the department determines under sub. (4) that the proposed application may cause aldicarb residues to be present in groundwater at a concentration of 2 ppb or more at any point of standards application, the department shall issue a summary special order prohibiting the proposed aldicarb application unless:

1. All of the conditions under par. (b) are met as required in the order; or

2. The owner of the proposed application site, and every other person filing a report of intended application for the site, agrees that future applications to the site may be prohibited based on groundwater test results obtained from a representative application site chosen by the department, if the groundwater test results at the representative application site show aldicarb residues in concentrations of 10 ppb or more. A representative application site is a site which, in the department's judgment, is similar in its relevant environmental characteristics to the proposed application site described in the report of intended application. Relevant environmental characteristics include the characteristics listed under sub. (4). In determining whether one application site may be considered representative of another, the department shall compare any prior existing concentrations of aldicarb residues which are known to be present in groundwater at the 2 sites.

(b) A summary special order under par. (a) 1 shall include all of the following conditions:

1. One or more monitoring wells shall be installed at the proposed application site according to a written plan which is approved in writing by the department prior to the aldicarb application. The plan shall specify:

a. The number and location of the monitoring wells. At least one monitoring well shall be installed for each quarter section of land on which aldicarb is to be applied.

b. The materials from which the monitoring wells will be constructed.

c. The depth of each monitoring well, and the type, length and diameter of the sample screen on each well.

d. The date by which each monitoring well is to be installed.

e. Whether or not each monitoring well will be considered a point of standards application.

2. Groundwater samples shall be collected from each monitoring well under par. (a) and tested for aldicarb residues according to a plan which is approved by the department prior to the aldicarb application. The plan shall specify:

a. The number of groundwater samples to be collected from each monitoring well, and the intended dates of collection.

b. The persons or agencies who will collect the groundwater samples.

c. The laboratory at which the groundwater samples are to be tested for aldicarb residues. Groundwater samples shall be promptly tested for aldicarb residues after the samples are collected. Test methods shall be approved by the department and have a limit of detection at or below one part per billion. Groundwater test results shall be promptly forwarded to the department.

3. The owner of each monitoring well site under par. (a) shall agree in writing, prior to the aldicarb application, that:

a. Groundwater test results obtained from the monitoring well may be used to prohibit future aldicarb applications to the application site, as appropriate pursuant to ch. 160, Stats., and department rules, if the groundwater test results indicate that aldicarb residues are present in groundwater at a concentration of 10 parts per billion or more.

b. The department may at reasonable times, and upon prior notice to the owner of the monitoring well site, inspect the monitoring well and collect groundwater samples from the monitoring well.

(c) This subsection does not apply to controlled applications of aldicarb for research purposes, if authorized by the department under sub. (5) (c).

(7) SUMMARY SPECIAL ORDERS; GENERAL. (a) *How and to whom issued.* A summary special order under sub. (5) or (6) shall be issued to each person identified in the corresponding report of intended application. A summary special order shall be signed by the division administrator or the administrator's designee, and be served in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(b) *Coverage; effective date and duration.* A summary special order under sub. (5) or (6) shall prohibit all proposed applications of aldicarb to the site or sites described in the order, except as specifically provided under sub. (6). A summary special order under sub. (5) or (6) becomes effective on the date of service.

Note: A "proposed application" means an application described in a report of intended application under sub. (3).

(c) *Timely response to notice of intended application.* A summary special order, if issued under sub. (5) or (6), shall be issued within 30 days after a report of intended application is filed with the department. This subsection does not prohibit the department from issuing a summary special order under sub. (5) at a later date, based on new information received more than 30 days after the date on which the report of intended application was received by the department.

(d) *Right of hearing.* Summary special orders are subject to a subsequent right of hearing before the department upon request, as provided in s. 94.71 (3) (c), Stats. Hearings shall be limited to the issue of whether the department has correctly interpreted and applied this section.

(e) *Violations prohibited.* No person may apply aldicarb in violation of a special order issued by the department under this section. No person may violate the terms and conditions of a monitoring agreement under sub. (6).

(8) **PROHIBITION AREAS.** (a) *General.* A proposed application site is subject to prohibition, for purposes of sub. (5), if the proposed application site is located wholly or in part within a prohibition area under this subsection.

(b) *Creation and scope of prohibition areas.* 1. A prohibition area is created to include every township quarter-quarter section lying wholly or in part within one mile of a point of standards application at which aldicarb residues have been detected in groundwater at a concentration of 10 ppb or more, based on a reliable groundwater test result received by the division at any time before or after April 1, 1988. If the reliable groundwater test result was received by the division before April 1, 1988, the prohibition area is created on April 1, 1988. If the reliable groundwater test result is received by the division after April 1, 1988, the prohibition area is created on the date when the groundwater test result is received by the division. The one mile radius from the point of standards application shall be calculated from the center point of the township quarter-quarter section in which the actual point of standards application is located.

2. If any prohibition area is contiguous with or overlaps 2 or more other prohibition areas, there is created a new prohibition area which includes each quarter-quarter section any part of which lies within a 2-mile radius of each point of standards application used in determining the need for the contiguous or overlapping prohibition areas.

(9) **DISTRIBUTORS AND RETAIL DEALERS OF ALDICARB; RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.** Distributors and retail dealers shall keep records of aldicarb distributions and sales, specifying the amount of aldicarb product included in each sale or distribution, and the name and address of the purchaser or recipient. During each week in which aldicarb sales or distributions are made by a distributor or dealer, the distributor or dealer shall file a written report with the department, specifying the amount of aldicarb product sold or distributed during that week to each purchaser or recipient, and the name and address of each purchaser or recipient. Reports may be in the form of actual invoice copies or written sales or distribution summaries.

(10) NOTICE OF CONTAMINATION FINDINGS. (a) Whenever the department receives a reliable groundwater test result which indicates that aldicarb residues are present in groundwater at a concentration of one part per billion or more, the department shall give written notice of the groundwater test result to:

1. The Wisconsin department of natural resources and the Wisconsin department of health and social services.

2. The county health department or county nurse, and the county extension agent for the county in which the groundwater sample was drawn.

3. All persons who have filed reports of intended application for aldicarb applications to be made in township quarter-quarter sections located wholly or in part within one mile of the sample point.

(b) Notice under par. (a) shall specify the township and quarter-quarter section in which the groundwater sample was taken, if known, and the concentration of aldicarb residues found in the sample. Notice shall include such explanations and precautionary statements as may be considered appropriate by the department.

(11) GREENHOUSE AND RESEARCH APPLICATIONS; EXEMPTION. This section does not apply to greenhouse applications of aldicarb or to research applications made pursuant to an experimental use permit issued by the department.

(12) COMPLIANCE WITH PREVENTIVE ACTION LIMIT NOT NECESSARILY MAINTAINED; REQUIRED DISCLOSURE BY DEPARTMENT. Based on information available to the department, it appears that aldicarb applications to susceptible application sites will result in groundwater contamination exceeding the preventive action limit for aldicarb at points of standards application downgradient from the application sites. Aldicarb applications to many of these sites will be subject to prohibition under sub. (5). In addition, sub. (2) continues current management practice requirements, and sub. (6) creates groundwater monitoring requirements. These combined requirements are designed to limit aldicarb contamination and detect any contamination which may occur. However, these requirements may not be adequate to assure compliance with the preventive action limit for aldicarb in all cases. If the enforcement standard for aldicarb is unexpectedly exceeded at an individual site, future applications at that site will be subject to prohibition under ch. 160, Stats., ch. Ag 161, and other applicable rules of the department.

Note: This notice is given pursuant to the requirements of s. 160.19 (2) (b), Stats. It is intended solely as a disclosure statement, and does not affect or alter any other provision of this section.

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Ag 29.18 Authority. This chapter is adopted under authority of ss. 93.07 (1), 94.69 and 94.705 (2), Stats., and enforced under s. 94.71, Stats.

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