

Common violations found in San Diego County

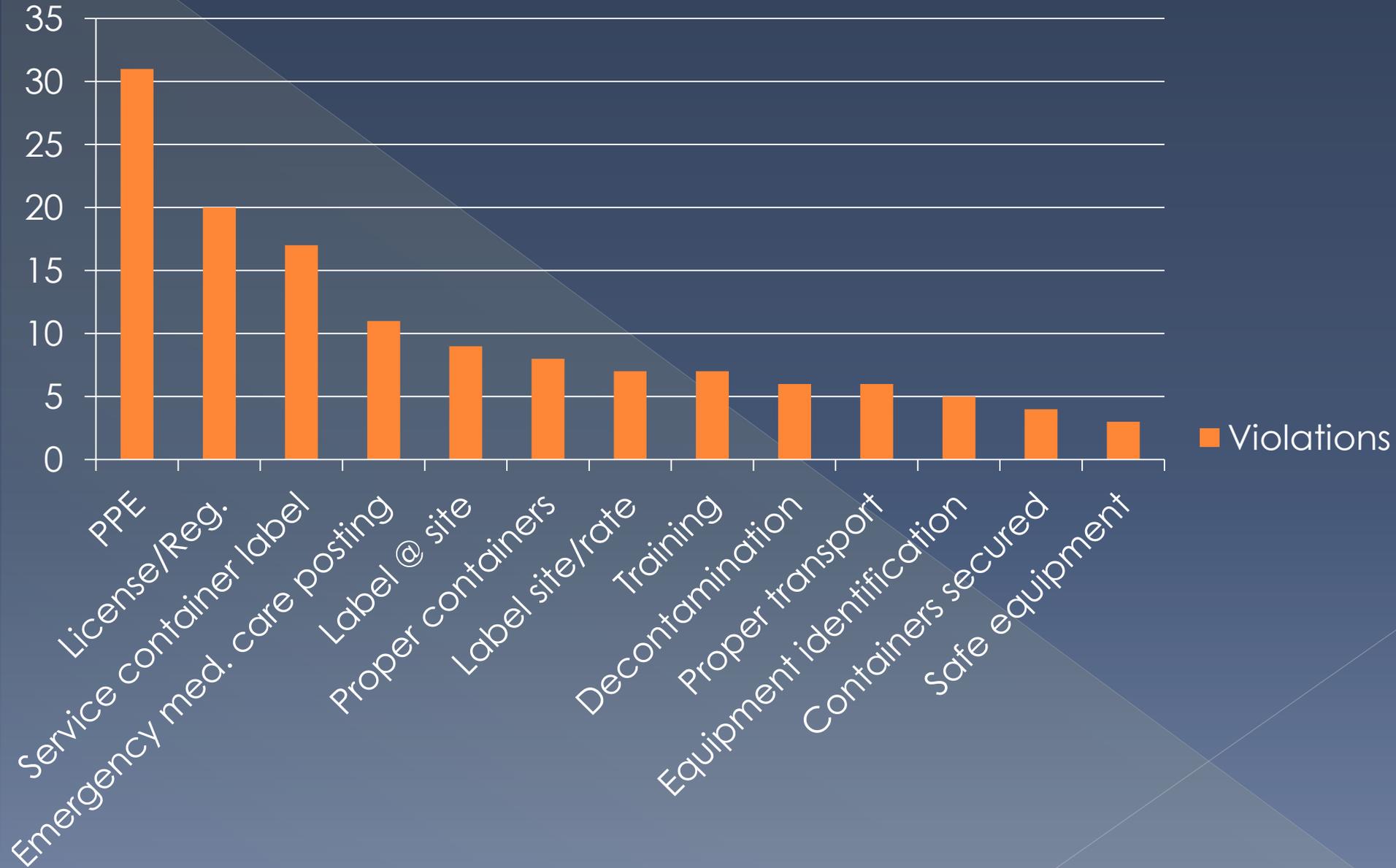


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Common Violations 2012-13: Ag/Landscape Applications



Safe Equipment

- Safety defects must be repaired before use.
- Tank openings must have covers.
- Tanks over 49 gallons carrying Warning or Danger pesticide must have sight gauge and shutoff device to stop filling operation.



Safe Equipment

Frozen line strainer



Contaminated surface area



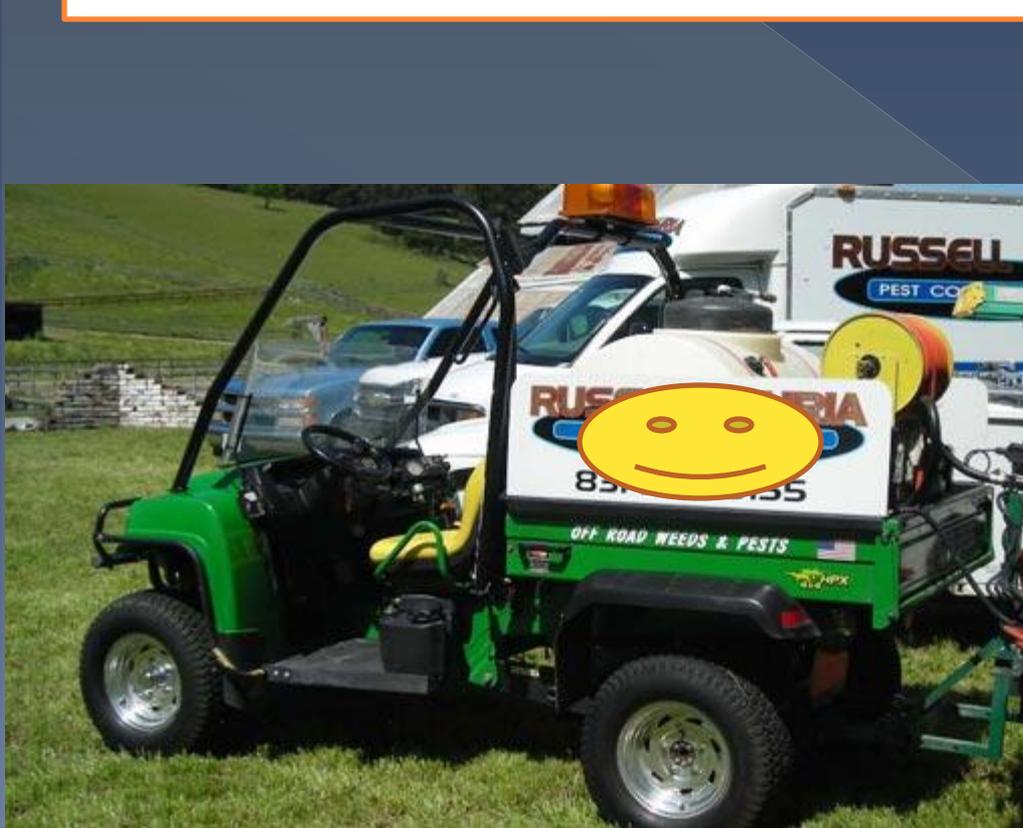
Containers Secured

- Applies to containers or equipment that hold or have held a pesticide
- Shall not be stored, disposed of or left unattended in a manner that may present a hazard to persons and/or animals.
- Triple rinse before disposing of containers.



Equipment Identified

- Applies to ground rigs, service rigs of pest control business.
- Must include business name OR generic name AND pest control operator license number.
- Readable at 25 feet



Proper Transport



- No pesticides in same compartment with persons, food or feed.
- Must secure containers to prevent spillage onto or off the vehicle.

Handler Decontamination Facility

- Applies to employees that handle any pesticide in production agriculture.
- In landscape/structural setting this applies to employees that handle **WARNING** or **DANGER** category pesticides.
- Soap, water, single-use towels and clean change of coveralls.



Labeling Site/Rate/Other

- Use shall not conflict with labeling
- Read the label; product labels change
- Ensure site is on the label: landscape, commercial, industrial, non-cropland, parks, athletic fields, institutional, residential, commercial buildings etc.



License/Registration

- Unlawful to advertise, solicit or operate as a pest control business unless you have a valid pest control business license.
- Same goes for county registration; PCB must register each calendar year

County Fees:

- Landscape Maintenance Gardener= \$25
- Ag PCB= \$75
- Structural= \$10
- Fine for no license or registration= \$\$\$



Personal Protective Equipment

- Most common violation
- Protective eyewear and chemical resistant gloves are required even if label does not specify any PPE
- Exemptions for vertebrate baits and solid fumigants; OR if label specifies something specific must or must not be worn (e.g. cloth gloves for strychnine and aluminum phosphide).



Don't be a statistic! Follow the label and wear required PPE!



**Contact your County
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additional information
and guidance.**

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