Common violations found in San Diego County

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• 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.
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 Agricultural Commissioner for additional information and guidance.

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