



## COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Martin Settevendemie, Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer of Weights & Measures

**Date:** November 15, 2018  
**To:** Agricultural Pest Control Businesses  
**Subject:** Annual Registration and Reporting Requirements for 2019

Registrations will be accepted beginning December 1, 2018. **You must register prior to performing any pest control work in 2019.**

#### Registration Requirements:

1. Companies **based in San Luis Obispo County must register in person.**
2. Companies not based in San Luis Obispo County may register by mail.
  - a. Mail required documents to the San Luis Obispo County Agricultural Commissioner at 2156 Sierra Way Suite A, San Luis Obispo CA. 93401
3. Required Paperwork
  - a. Agricultural Pest Control Business License (*paper license*). **Good for 2019.**
  - b. Qualified Applicator License. **Good for 2019.**
  - c. Completed Registration Form & Equipment List
    - i. Registration Forms & Equipment Lists are available at our website, go to: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm.htm> Select the "Pesticide Use Enforcement" program and then the "County Registration Forms" link.
  - d. Registration Fee: \$50. (Checks payable to the Agricultural Commissioner)

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**IF REGISTERING IN THE TEMPLETON OR ARROYO GRANDE OFFICES  
CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**

**IF REGISTERING IN THE SAN LUIS OBISPO OFFICE, CALL FOR AN  
APPOINTMENT OR COME BETWEEN 1-5 P.M. MON - FRI**

**If additionally, you need a CA Restricted Materials Permit, you must schedule an appointment.**

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**Templeton (805) 434-5950 Arroyo Grande (805) 473-7090 San Luis Obispo (805) 781-5910**

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#### Regulatory Highlights:

##### **Pesticide Safety Information Series Leaflet changes, WH&S Notice 18-01**

([https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/whs/pdf/psis\\_proposed\\_notice.pdf](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/whs/pdf/psis_proposed_notice.pdf)):

- PSIS A-1 was revised to reflect changes to training requirements for fieldworkers and handlers, hazard communication requirements for fieldworkers and handlers, fieldworker and handler decontamination facility requirements, minimum age requirements, and personal protective equipment (PPE) exemptions.
- PSIS N-1 was revised to reflect changes to training requirements for handlers, hazard communication requirements for handlers, handler decontamination facility requirements, and PPE exemptions.
- PSIS A-3 and N-3 were revised to reflect changes to the enclosed cab definition, PPE exemptions, and closed system regulations.
- PSIS A-4 and N-4 were revised to reflect changes to training requirements for fieldworkers and handlers, requirements for emergency medical care, and fieldworker and handler decontamination facility requirements.

- PSIS A-6 and N-6 were revised to reflect changes to PPE exemptions.
- PSIS A-7 and N-7 were revised to reflect changes to training requirements for fieldworkers and handlers.
- PSIS A-8 and N-8 were revised to reflect changes to training requirements for handlers, hazard communication and decontamination facility requirements for handlers, application-specific information, emergency medical care, and minimum age requirements.
- PSIS A-9 was revised to reflect changes to training requirements for fieldworkers; hazard communication and decontamination facility requirements for fieldworkers; requirements for early entry employees; requirements for notice of applications and completed applications, field work during pesticide application, and field entry after scheduled or completed pesticide applications; application-specific information for fieldworkers; field posting requirements; emergency medical care; and minimum age requirements.
- Lastly, the Proposition 65 list of pesticides known by the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity was updated and is available on DPR's Proposition 65 Web page at <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/factshts/prop65.htm>.

**Top 10 Violations Cited during Pesticide Use Monitoring Inspections (Statewide), by order of most frequent:**

Section 12973 FAC. Conflict with Label.  
 Section 6738 3CCR. Personal Protective Equipment.  
 Section 6726 3CCR. Emergency Medical Care.  
 Section 11732 FAC. Pest Control Business Registration.  
 Section 6678 3CCR. Service Container Labeling.  
 Section 6602 3CCR. Availability of Labeling.  
 Section 6734 3CCR. Handler Decontamination Facilities.  
 Section 6724 3CCR. Handler Training.  
 Section 11701 FAC. Pest Control Business License.  
 Section 6630 3CCR. Equipment Identification

**Section 12973 FAC and Rodenticide Labels.**

More violations to section 12973 of the Food and Agriculture Code occur in San Luis Obispo County and throughout the state than any other code section. There has been a notable increase in mis-use of rodenticide materials. Mis-use of a rodenticide product increases hazard to non-target species and poses risk to contaminate wildlife, domestic animals, human health, and the environment. Each rodenticide product label carries specific instructions for its application rate, method of application, target pest, and specific use site. A rodenticide application that is made in any way different than what its product labeling expressly directs, is a mis-use of the pesticide product. Ensure to review pesticide product labeling before every application. Label directions change frequently, especially in the rodenticide class. Do not assume one bait is used like any other bait.

*Section 12973 FAC:* The use of any pesticide shall not conflict with labeling registered pursuant to this chapter which is delivered with the pesticide or with any additional limitations applicable to the conditions of any permit issued by the director or commissioner.

*Section 6000 3CCR:* definition, "**Conflict with labeling**" means any deviation from instructions, requirements or prohibitions of pesticide product labeling concerning storage, handling or use except:

- (a) A decrease in dosage rate per unit treated;
- (b) A decrease in the concentration of the mixture applied;
- (c) Application at a frequency less than specified;
- (d) Use to control a target pest not listed, provided the application is to a commodity/site that is listed and the use of the product against the unnamed target pest is not expressly prohibited;
- (e) Employing a method of application not expressly prohibited, provided other directions are followed;
- (f) Mixing with another pesticide or with a fertilizer, unless such mixing is expressly prohibited;

(g) An increase in the concentration of the mixture applied, provided it corresponds with the current published UC Pest Management Guidelines of the University of California, which are available from their Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program, 2801 Second Street, Davis, California 95681-7774, or on-line at <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu>;  
or

(h) The use of personal protective equipment consistent with the exceptions and substitutions in section 6738.4.

\*Keep an eye out for the annual workshop: Ground Squirrel Control for orchards, vineyards, pastures and rangeland, hosted by University of California Cooperative Extension and County of SLO CAC (date TBD, late spring/early summer).\*

### **Pesticide Use Reporting Requirements**

Pest Control Businesses must submit monthly use reports each month, by the 10th day of the next month. A Negative Use Report is required for those months during which no pest control work is performed.

**We have web-based Pesticide Use Reporting available. Log onto our website [www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm.htm](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm.htm) and select “Pesticide Use Enforcement” and then “Pesticide Use Reporting”.**

### **Information**

Contact a member of our staff for copies of permits, operator identification numbers, maps, or questions about the above topics.