

To: All Pesticide Operators / Vendors

As per Section 21 of the *Pesticide Control Regulations, 2012* the following criteria must be met when constructing a Pesticide Storage Facility:

- A source of water in an area in or adjacent to the storage area;
- Approved safety equipment as required which is properly maintained, functional and available at all times for personnel handling and working with pesticides;
- Flooring which shall not contain a floor drain or catch basin which is directly or indirectly connected to a private or municipal sewage system or public water course;
- Flooring which shall be capable of being readily cleaned and decontaminated of pesticides stored within;
- Adequate ventilation by either natural or mechanical means so as to prevent the accumulation of toxic and/or flammable vapours;
- A “Danger Stored Pesticide” sign posted on all entrances which is printed in block letters 5 centimetres or more in height. The sign must also include contact numbers for the owner and the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Pesticides Control Section (1-709-729-2556);
- Clean-up procedures, materials and equipment available to cleanup spills or leaks;
- Security procedures consistent with the instructions of the minister or person designated by the minister. Including the locking of all entrances when the owner or employee of the owner is not present.

Emergency response materials include, but are not limited to:

- A fire extinguisher approved for chemical fires
- Yard broom, open headed shovel and bucket
- Heavy duty plastic bags
- Open-head drums with lids or sealable drums
- Absorptive material (e.g. kitty litter, absorb-all)
- Household Detergent
- Bleach and/or hydrated lime (depending on types of pesticides being stored - check the labels)
- A watertight plastic container (with lid) which will hold the following items*:
 - goggles
 - several pairs of chemical resistant gloves
 - chemical resistant boots
 - chemical resistant coveralls (Tyvek Protective Gear)
 - respirator with organic vapour cartridges

*** each of these items should be individually placed in a zip lock bag to prevent contamination of the personal protection equipment**

All pesticide storage sites shall be in accordance with Section 21 of the ***Pesticide Control Regulations, 2012*** under the ***Environmental Protection Act (O.C. 2003-224)***. All pesticide storage areas must be at an acceptable level of compliance prior to the issuance of a Pesticide Operator/Vendor Licence. Upon inspection, if an unsuitable storage situation exists, the issuance of your Licence may be delayed. Once storage conditions are at an acceptable level of compliance and all other requirements are met, then your licence will be issued to you.

Routine storage inspections will occur shortly after an application for an operator/vendor licence has been received. We also require applicants to attach to their licence application forms, a copy of a contingency plan if one has not already been received from a previous licence. If however, additional pesticides are added to your inventory, you will be required to update your own contingency plan with that specific information (ie: update Section 3 - First Aid Information and attach the new pesticide label/SDS). These measures are to ensure the safety of the employees, the public and the environment.

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