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SUBJECT: INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

PURPOSE: To reduce the use of pesticides that can adversely impact human health or environmental quality. This applies to all San Diego Unified Port District (District) facilities, operations, contracts, and relevant agreements.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Integrated Pest Management is a pest management method that combines biological, cultural, physical, and chemical tools to minimize health, environmental, and financial risks. This method uses pesticides only as a last resort for controlling pests. When pesticides are used, the least toxic and most specific one is selected. IPM also emphasizes good plant health and preventative pest management.

The IPM Policy includes the following components:

1. Only Toxicity Category III, IV, and exempt pesticides will be used on District tidelands unless no other alternative exists.
2. Notification of pesticide use will be provided to the public and staff regarding pesticides used and areas treated.
3. Education will be provided to staff and public about the health and environmental benefits of the District's IPM Program.
4. Prior to selecting the method of control, pests must be identified and their population level monitored to determine treatment procedures.
5. Acceptability and/or feasibility options to chemical pesticides will be reviewed prior to their application. Cost or staffing considerations alone will not be the sole justification for use of chemical control agents. Records of IPM strategies considered prior to chemical treatment will be maintained.
6. Pesticide use reporting and record keeping procedures will be developed and maintained.
7. A system to evaluate and measure success will be developed.

8. An IPM Task Force will be established to oversee implementation of this Policy.
9. An IPM adviser or consultant will be selected to provide unbiased recommendations to the IPM Task Force.

A. Definitions

Pesticide – any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any insects, rodents, nematodes, fungi, or weeds, or any other forms of life declared to be pests, and any other substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant.

Toxicity Category III or IV pesticides – any pesticide that meets United States Environmental Protection Agency criteria for Toxicity Category III or IV under Section 156.10 of Part 156 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Category III pesticides are moderately toxic and have a “Caution” signal word on the label. Category IV are “Least Toxic” and can also have a “Caution” signal word, or sometimes no signal word.

Exempt pesticide – any pesticide that has been determined to be of a character not requiring regulation under FIFRA 26(b), Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Volume 16, 152.25; Exemptions for pesticides of a character not requiring FIFRA regulation and listed under Title 3 (Food and Agricultural Code), Division 6, Chapter 2, Section 6147, Exempted Pesticide Products.

B. Use of Pesticides

1. All pesticides shall be used according to the label.
2. No pesticide found on the Proposition 65 list shall be used by the District. The most updated list can be retrieved at www.oehha.org/Prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.html.
3. All effort shall be made to ensure that any pesticide or rinse containing pesticide does not enter any water body, either directly or through storm drains.

C. Notice of Pesticide Use

Within 120 days of the effective date of this Policy, any District department using any pesticide shall comply with the following notification procedures:

1. When pesticides are applied, signage shall be posted in the areas to be treated 24 hours before and after treatment.

2. Signs shall be of a standardized design that are easily recognizable to the public and workers.
3. District Department shall not be required to post signs in accordance with Section C(1) in right of way locations that the general public does not use for recreational purposes. However, each District department that uses pesticides in such right of way locations shall develop and maintain a public access telephone number about pesticide applications in the right of way areas. Information readily available by calling the public access number shall include for any pesticide that will be applied within the next four days or has been applied within the last four days: the name of the pesticide, when it was applied, and where it was applied.

D. Record Keeping of Pesticide Applications

Each department that uses pesticides shall keep records of each pesticide application. Each application record shall include the following information:

1. The pesticide used
2. The site of the pesticide application
3. The date the pesticide was used
4. The name of the pesticide applicator
5. The application equipment used

Application records shall be made available to the public upon request.

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RESOLUTION 2008-244

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified
Port District, as follows:

That Board of Port Commissioners Policy No. 737, Integrated Pest Management,
a copy of which shall be placed on file in the office of the District Clerk, is hereby
adopted.

ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2008.

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