

## Environmental Protection Agency

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following the expiration of any applicable REI.

(b) *General conditions.* (1) The agricultural employer shall provide workers with enough water for routine washing and emergency eyeflushing. At all times when the water is available to workers, the employer shall assure that it is of a quality and temperature that will not cause illness or injury when it contacts the skin or eyes or if it is swallowed.

(2) When water stored in a tank is to be used for mixing pesticides, it shall not be used for decontamination or eyeflushing, unless the tank is equipped with properly functioning valves or other mechanisms that prevent movement of pesticides into the tank.

(3) The agricultural employer shall provide soap and single-use towels in quantities sufficient to meet worker's needs.

(4) To provide for emergency eyeflushing, the agricultural employer shall assure that at least 1 pint of water is immediately available to each worker who is performing early-entry activities permitted by §170.112 and for which the pesticide labeling requires protective eyewear. The eyeflush water shall be carried by the early-entry worker, or shall be on the vehicle the early-entry worker is using, or shall be otherwise immediately accessible.

(c) *Location.* (1) The decontamination supplies shall be located together and be reasonably accessible to and not more than 1/4 mile from where workers are working.

(2) For worker activities performed more than 1/4 mile from the nearest place of vehicular access:

(i) The soap, single-use towels, and water may be at the nearest place of vehicular access.

(ii) The agricultural employer may permit workers to use clean water from springs, streams, lakes, or other sources for decontamination at the remote work site, if such water is more accessible than the water located at the nearest place of vehicular access.

(3) The decontamination supplies shall not be maintained in an area being treated with pesticides.

(4) The decontamination supplies shall not be maintained in an area that

is under a restricted-entry interval, unless the workers for whom the supplies are provided are performing early-entry activities permitted by §170.112 and involving contact with treated surfaces and the decontamination supplies would otherwise not be reasonably accessible to those workers.

(d) *Decontamination after early-entry activities.* At the end of any exposure period for workers engaged in early-entry activities permitted by §170.112 and involving contact with anything that has been treated with the pesticide to which the restricted-entry interval applies, including, but not limited to, soil, water, air, or surfaces of plants, the agricultural employer shall provide, at the site where the workers remove personal protective equipment, soap, clean towels, and a sufficient amount of water so that the workers may wash thoroughly.

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### § 170.160 Emergency assistance.

If there is reason to believe that a person who is or has been employed on an agricultural establishment to perform tasks related to the production of agricultural plants has been poisoned or injured by exposure to pesticides used on the agricultural establishment, including, but not limited to, exposures from application, splash, spill, drift, or pesticide residues, the agricultural employer shall:

(a) Make available to that person prompt transportation from the agricultural establishment, including any labor camp on the agricultural establishment, to an appropriate emergency medical facility.

(b) Provide to that person or to treating medical personnel, promptly upon request, any obtainable information on:

(1) Product name, EPA registration number, and active ingredients of any product to which that person might have been exposed.

(2) Antidote, first aid, and other medical information from the product labeling.

(3) The circumstances of application or use of the pesticide on the agricultural establishment.

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(4) The circumstances of exposure of that person to the pesticide.

**Subpart C—Standard for Pesticide Handlers**

**§ 170.202 Applicability of this subpart.**

Except as provided by §§170.203 and 170.204, this subpart applies when any pesticide is handled for use on an agricultural establishment.

[60 FR 21952, May 3, 1995]

**§ 170.203 Exceptions.**

*Exceptions.* This subpart does not apply when any pesticide is handled for use on an agricultural establishment in the following circumstances:

- (a) For mosquito abatement, Mediterranean fruit fly eradication, or similar wide-area public pest control programs sponsored by governmental entities.
- (b) On livestock or other animals, or in or about animal premises.
- (c) On plants grown for other than commercial or research purposes, which may include plants in habitations, home fruit and vegetable gardens, and home greenhouses.
- (d) On plants that are in ornamental gardens, parks, and public or private lawns and grounds and that are intended only for aesthetic purposes or climatic modification.
- (e) In a manner not directly related to the production of agricultural plants, including, but not limited to, structural pest control, control of vegetation along rights-of-way and in other noncrop areas, and pasture and rangeland use.
- (f) For control of vertebrate pests.
- (g) As attractants or repellents in traps.
- (h) On the harvested portions of agricultural plants or on harvested timber.
- (i) For research uses of unregistered pesticides.

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**§ 170.204 Exemptions.**

The handlers listed in this section are exempt from the specified provisions of this subpart.

- (a) *Owners of agricultural establishments.* (1) The owner of an agricultural

establishment is not required to provide to himself or members of his immediate family who are performing handling tasks on their own agricultural establishment the protections of:

- (i) Section 170.210(b) and (c).
- (ii) Section 170.222.
- (iii) Section 170.230.
- (iv) Section 170.232.
- (v) Section 170.234.
- (vi) Section 170.235.
- (vii) Section 170.240(e) through (g).
- (viii) Section 170.250.
- (ix) Section 170.260.

(2) The owner of the agricultural establishment must provide the protections listed in paragraphs (a)(1) (i) through (ix) of this section to other handlers and other persons who are not members of his immediate family.

(b) *Crop advisors.* (1) Provided that the conditions of paragraph (b)(2) of this section are met, a person who is certified or licensed as a crop advisor by a program acknowledged as appropriate in writing by EPA or a State or Tribal lead agency for pesticide enforcement, and persons performing crop advising tasks under such qualified crop advisor's direct supervision, are exempt from the provisions of:

- (i) Section 170.232.
- (ii) Section 170.240.
- (iii) Section 170.250.
- (iv) Section 170.260.

A person is under the direct supervision of a crop advisor when the crop advisor exerts the supervisory controls set out in paragraphs (b)(2)(iv) and (v) of this section. Direct supervision does not require that the crop advisor be physically present at all times, but the crop advisor must be readily accessible to the employees at all times.

(2) *Conditions of exemption.* (i) The certification or licensing program requires pesticide safety training that includes, at least, all the information in §170.230(c)(4).

- (ii) No entry into the treated area occurs until after application ends.
- (iii) Applies only when performing crop advising tasks in the treated area.
- (iv) The crop advisor must make specific determinations regarding the appropriate PPE, appropriate decontamination supplies, and how to conduct the tasks safely. The crop advisor must convey this information to each