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## *Pesticide Reporting Made Easy* *-Sixth in a series*

In June's *Safety Alert* Laurie Rogers-Roach discussed steps you can take to be ready for an OSHA inspection of your pesticide department. This month's focus is on providing proper access to pesticide labels.

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FIGURE 1: SAMPLE PESTICIDE USE REPORT

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DATE:	NAME:		
AREA TO BE TREATED:	Houses		
	Section		
<b>Caution label</b>			
PRODUCT NAME		<b>RegalKade G</b>	
EPA REGISTRATION #		48234-16	
ACTIVE INGREDIENT:		Prodiamine-m-phenylenediamine	Amount used
REI	12 hrs	PURPOSE/PEST	
RESTRICTED UNTIL:		Pre-emergent herbicide	
POSTING	ORAL	SIGNS	Yes
PPE REQUIRED HANDLER	GLOVES	SUIT	
	BOOTS	Charcoal mask	
EARLY ENTRY PPE	Gloves	Boots	
		Suit	
OTHER LABEL REQUIRE:			
Comments		Do not apply to wet foliage	
		water in 1/2 inch	
Medical emergency			
First Aid if swallowed			
If in eyes		Flush 15 minutes consult doctor if irritation persists	
If on skin		Wash with soap & water, consult doctor if irritation persists	
If inhaled		Move to fresh air	

I recently spoke with an OSHA consultant who made some interesting comments on pesticide reporting. I considered my nursery quite organized but after talking to her I realized I had a way to go. She discussed the importance of knowing which pesticides were corrosive because that affected the eye wash requirements. If a pesticide is corrosive you must have a 15 minute eye wash station available in the mix/load site. I have such an eye wash station but I was not sure if the written instructions I was giving the pesticide handlers identified the pesticides that were corrosive.

The OSHA Worker Protection Standard requires that all handlers have access to labels. Prior to a pesticide handler performing any application, they must either read or be informed of any label requirements. They should understand all labeling requirements related to safe handling, signal words, human hazard precautions, personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements, first aid instructions, and environmental precautions. Pesticide labels should be accessible to the handler for reference prior to and during the application.

A number of years ago I made a template in Excel of a pesticide use report with all the information I thought it was necessary to have on a report (see illustration on page 1). I also included PPE and first aid information because I wanted a one page report that satisfied government regulations and also would give the pesticide handler the information he needed to spray the chemical safely. I've read the label of every pesticide we use and inserted all the information that can be filled out ahead of time. I know this may not sound like pesticide reporting made easy but in spring and summer when you are very, very busy having 90% of the report filled out will save you time and energy. It is important that you review your information with new labels periodically to ensure updated information is included.

I always make sure the label is also available to the applicator.

Respectfully,

Jeanette Hubbard  
Owner, Oisinn Ltd.  
OAN Safety Committee Chair

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*The OAN safety committee is looking for new committee members. The committee is a great way for people to learn new OSHA rules, new ideas on safety training and to network with other nursery people involved with safety programs. The committee meets 6 times per year at the OAN office in Wilsonville. If you or anyone else at your nursery is interested in becoming involved, please contact Krista Jeli at the OAN at 503-682-5089 or email [kjeli@oan.org](mailto:kjeli@oan.org).*

