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I. References

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act

California Administrative Code, Title 3

California Food and Agriculture Code, Division 6 & 7

Business and Professional Code, Division 3, Chapter 14

II. Definitions

A. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an effective common sense and environmentally sensitive approach to managing pests and minimizing pest damage. The approach causes the least possible hazard to people and the environment and employs the most economical means. This ecosystem (the relations between organisms and their environment) based strategy employs a combination of tactics including, but not limited to, sanitation, monitoring, habitat modification, biological control, and modification of cultural practices. Minimal use of pesticides for spot treatment is considered only after monitoring indicates that, according to established guidelines, they are needed. Treatments are applied with the goal of removing only the target pest. Pest control materials are selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, other creatures, and the environment.

B. Pest

A pest is a plant or animal that is considered to be detrimental to humans or human concerns.

C. Pesticide

A pesticide is an agent that is used to control pests. Agents include insecticides, rodenticides, herbicides, fungicides, and growth regulators.

II. Policy

A. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) shall be practiced in and outside of all UCSB buildings and structures.

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B. All proposed uses of pesticides in and outside of UCSB buildings and structures shall be reviewed by Environmental Health and Safety and the IPM Committee for consistency with IPM principles, such as

1. Specific products used,
2. Method of application,
3. Circumstances of their use, and
4. Training of applicators.

C. No pesticide spraying or broadcast treatment shall be used inside campus buildings except under extraordinary circumstances for spot treatment and then only with the specific authorization of Environmental Health and Safety. Use of approved baits is allowed in buildings.

- A. If Environmental Health and Safety and the IPM committee authorizes the use of a pesticide, its application shall be in strict conformity to the specifications on the label and:
- a. Restricted products shall be used only by authorized and certified applicators.
 1. Applicators of unrestricted products shall be properly trained in appropriate methods of application and safe handling procedures and shall be supervised.

E. In addition to obtaining authorization from Environmental Health and Safety and the IPM committee, any application of pesticides in campus animal quarters or vivaria must be under the supervision of the Central Vivarium Director or Campus Veterinarian.

- A. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for each pesticide that is used shall be obtained by the user and kept on file in the user's department. The user shall assure that a copy of the MSDS for each product is provided to Environmental Health and Safety.

G. Environmental Health and Safety shall review all new products proposed for use on campus for their appropriateness prior to their acquisition.