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Industrial Education Safety (IES) 1068 Pesticide Application Safety Training (.25 Unit)

[formerly Industrial Education Safety 90A]

Prerequisite: None

Total Hours: 4 hours lecture; 4 hours lab (8 hours total)

Catalog Description: Provides a fundamental understanding of roles, responsibilities and accountabilities when handling and applying pesticides and other agricultural hazardous materials. This course is offered on a Pass/No Pass basis with the option to receive a letter grade.

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit

Textbook: Pesticide Application Safety Training

Additional Required Materials: None

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to

- 1. identify basic components of a pesticide label,
- 2. read and apply the elements of a pesticide Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS),
- 3. identify potential hazards associated with pesticides,
- 4. select the preferred application method for the most common pesticides with which the student will work,
- 5. select the appropriate personal protective equipment for specific pesticides being used, and
- 6. work with the principles of pesticide release clean-up.

Course Scope and Content:

Unit I Objectives, Definitions, Chemical Family Description

- A. Fulfilling California training requirements
- B. Restricted Use Pesticides defined
- C. General pesticide characteristics and hazards

Unit II Federal Worker Protection Standard Training Requirements for Applicator, Handlers, and

Workers

- A. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)
- B. Requirements in California
- C. Differences of training requirements for applicators, handlers, and workers

Unit III Labels and MSDS Pesticide Hazards

- A. Required pesticide label contents
- B. MSDS for pesticides



Unit IV Emergency First Aid and Medical Treatment

- A. Heat stress
- B. Personal protective equipment
- C. Safety requirements for handling, transporting, storing, disposing, and routine and emergency clean-up and decontamination

Unit V Pesticide Application

- A. Field warning posting and Reentry Interval requirements
- B. Conditions that cause pesticide *drift*

Lab Content:

- 1. Practical hands-on exercises interpreting specific MSDS
- 2. Practical hands-on exercises interpreting specific pesticide labels
- 3. Calculation of Re-entry periods using equipment

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class: None

Methods of Instruction:

- 1. Lecture
- 2. Classroom workshops
- 3. Lab activities

Methods of Evaluation:

1. Written final exam