



Registrant Information on the Pest Management Regulatory Agency Research Permit Inspection Program

WHO AND HOW WE INSPECT

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Research Permit Inspection Program inspects Research Permit sites to evaluate compliance with permit conditions. A questionnaire is administered by the inspector to the cooperator (or professional applicator) assisting in the research. The inspection determines compliance with requirements of the specific permit. Results are summarized and sent to each of the companies or research agencies visited.

Selection of companies to inspect is guided by volume of research (number of research permits), past performance (concerns which have arisen previously) or as a result of regional decisions.

WHAT WE INSPECT

In all cases, the sites are inspected for compliance with the permit (i.e., the product label, the permit, conditions set out in the letter of acceptance). The four areas addressed during the inspection are:

Cooperator Information: Is the cooperator (or professional applicator) fully aware of the permit conditions? Does she/he have a copy of the correct product label?

Product: Was the correct product provided? Was it handled correctly (storage, disposal)? If tank-mixing was required, did this occur as specified?

Crop/Site: Was product applied to correct crop? Was field size adhered to? Were buffer zones observed? Was a warning sign posted for the duration of the research? Was the crop correctly disposed of?

Application: Was the correct rate used? Was the number and timing of applications as specified? Was the pre-harvest interval observed? Was protective clothing or other safety equipment used?

HOW TO SUCCEED

A. PROVIDE LIST OF COOPERATORS TO PEST MANAGEMENT REGULATORY AGENCY

A list of cooperators for the region is to be provided to the Regional Manager prior to commencing trial. Inform the Regional Manager of site cancellations or other changes to the list of cooperators. For the Regional Manager for your province, contact the Pest Management Information Service at 1-800-267-6315.

B. PROVIDE INFORMATION TO COOPERATOR

The cooperator (or professional applicator) must be provided with:

- **correct product label**, including all corrections made at the time of permit approval
- **list of conditions** associated with the permit
- **warning sign** for posting at the most likely point of entry
- **sign-off letter** indicating that the cooperator (or professional applicator) is aware of and understands all listed research permit conditions

C. PROVIDE CORRECT PRODUCT TO COOPERATOR

The cooperator (or professional applicator) should be provided with the correct product in the correct amount for application to the crop site.

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