# LAWS AND REGS OVERVIEW

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DICAMBA

COMPLAINTS AND INSPECTIONS CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING REGULATIONS 2019 LEGISLATIVE OUTCOMES SUNSET

### TDA STRUCTURE

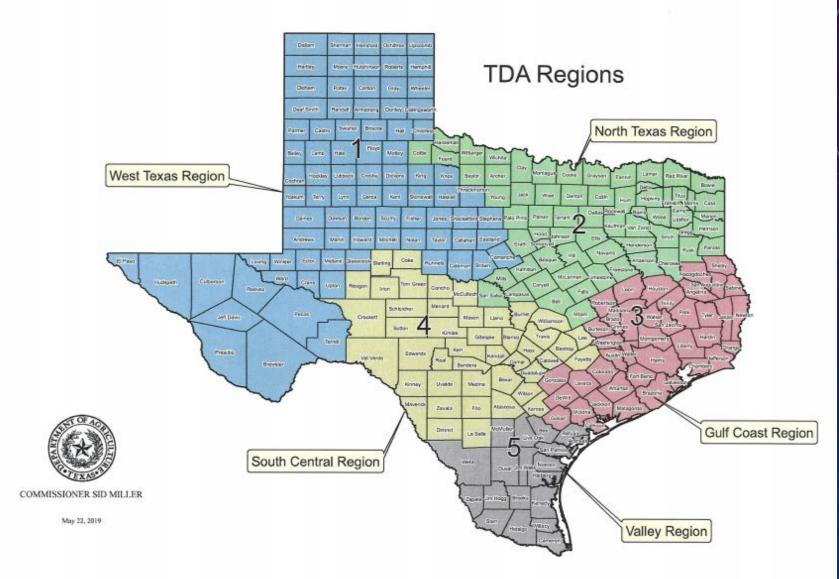
- FREDDY VEST IS EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR FOR REGULATORY AFFAIRS
- TDA REGULATORY AFFAIRS IS SEPERATED INTO TWO PARTS:
  - AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (PHILIP WRIGHT, ADMINISTRATOR)
  - REGULATORY FIELD OPERATIONS (DALE SCOTT, ADMINISTRATOR)

### TDA STRUCTURE

- AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (PHILIP WRIGHT, ADMINISTRATOR)
  - DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOSECURITY PROGRAMS PERRY CERVANTES
    - COORDINATOR FOR PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE (VACANT)
    - COORDINATOR FOR BIOSECURITY AND AGRICULTURE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AWINASH BHATKAR
  - DIRECTOR FOR CONSUMER SERVICE PROTECTION MICHAEL KELLY
    - COORDINATOR FOR PESTICIDE PRODUCT EVALUATION AND REGISTRATION KEVIN HAACK
    - COORDINATOR FOR STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL SERVICES ALLISON CUELLAR
    - COORDINATOR FOR PESTICIDE LAB PATRICK BIZZELL

### TDA STRUCTURE

- REGULATORY FIELD OPERATIONS (DALE SCOTT, ADMINISTRATOR)
  - REGION 1 (LUBBOCK) DIRECTOR MARK BILLS
    - REGION 1 ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR DEBBIE SLOCUM
  - REGION 2 (DALLAS) DIRECTOR THOMAS NORTHCUTT
    - REGION 2 ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR HENRY KRUSEKOPF
  - REGION 3 DIRECTOR (HOUSTON) DUDLEY ALLEN
    - REGION 3 ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR BRAD TULLIS
  - REGION 4 DIRECTOR (SAN ANTONIO) KEN WEIDENFELLER
    - REGION 4 ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR VICK ALEXANDER
  - REGION 5 DIRECTOR (SAN JUAN) MICHAEL EULER
    - REGION 5 ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR VACANT



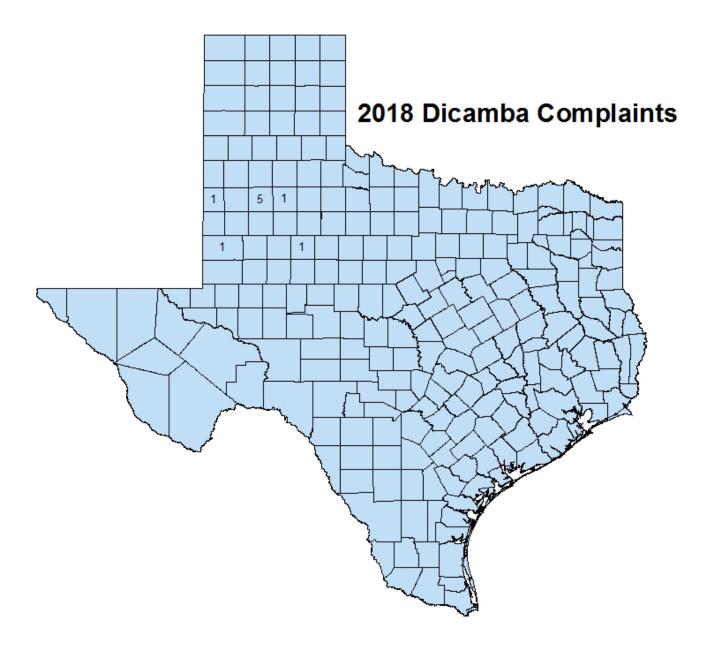
#### DICAMBA

- ON JUNE 3, 2020, 9<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT ISSUED A RULING THAT IMMEDIATELY CANCELLED THE REGISTRATION OF XTENDIMAX, FEXAPAN AND ENGENIA.
- ON JUNE 8, EPA ISSUED A KEY ORDER PROVIDING FARMERS WITH EXISTING STOCKS PROVISION THAT ALLOWED USE UNTIL JULY 31, AS LONG AS DICAMBA WAS IN POSSESSION AT THE TIME OF THE JUNE 3, COURT ORDER.
- THIS COURT DECISION ALSO REVOKED THE 24(C) REGISTRATION FOR TEXAS.

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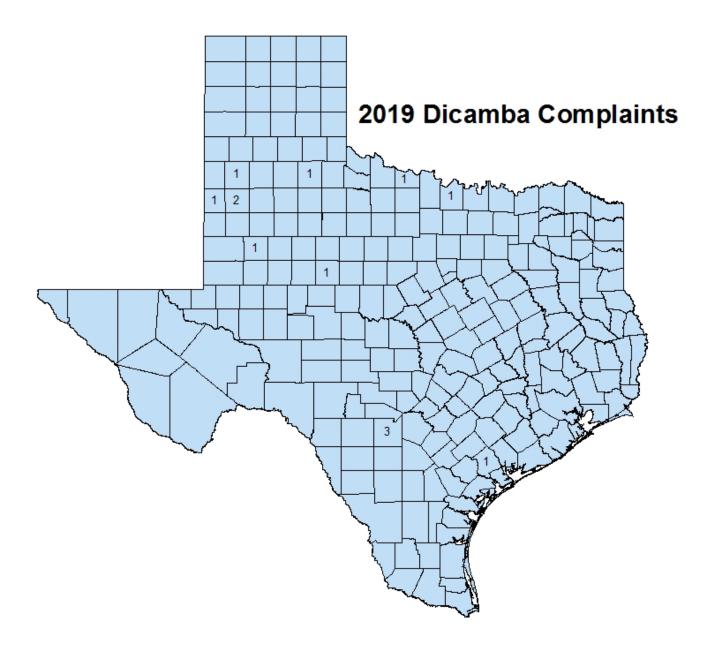
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# 2018 DICAMBA COMPLAINTS BY COUNTY

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### 2019 DICAMBA COMPLAINTS BY COUNTY 13

## 2020 DICAMBA COMPLAINTS BY COUNTY - 9

LUBBOCK (2) CROSBY LYNN (2) BRAZOS HOCKLEY JONES DAWSON

#### DICAMBA

#### • SO WHAT'S NEXT?

- CURRENTLY COMPANIES AND EPA ARE WORKING ON RE-REGISTRATION TO MEET THE 9<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT'S REQUIREMENTS
- ADDITIONAL TESTING MAY BE REQUIRED
- IS A SECTION 18 (EMERGENCY EXEMPTION) POSSIBLE FOR THE 21' GROWING SEASON?
- IF ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A SECTION 18, TEXAS WILL BE WORKING WITH MULTIPLE COTTON STATES TO ACHIEVE THE SECTION 18 REGISTRATION.

§76.184. REPORTS OF PESTICIDE ADVERSE EFFECTS. (A) A PERSON CLAIMING ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM AN APPLICATION OF A PESTICIDE MAY FILE WITH THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY AGENCY A COMPLAINT REPORT. THE COMPLAINT REPORT MUST CONTAIN THE NAME OF THE PERSON, IF KNOWN, ALLEGEDLY **RESPONSIBLE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PESTICIDE AND THE NAME OF THE** OWNER OR LESSEE OF THE LAND ON WHICH THE PESTICIDE WAS APPLIED. THE **REGULATORY AGENCY SHALL PREPARE A FORM PRINTED IN ENGLISH AND** SPANISH TO BE FURNISHED TO PERSONS FOR USE IN FILING COMPLAINT **REPORTS. THE FORM MAY CONTAIN OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS WITHIN** THE PERSON'S KNOWLEDGE AND REQUESTED BY THE HEAD OF THE **REGULATORY AGENCY.** 

- (B) AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIVING A COMPLAINT REPORT, THE REGULATORY AGENCY SHALL NOTIFY THE LICENSEE, THE OWNER OR LESSEE OF THE LAND ON WHICH THE ALLEGED APPLICATION OCCURRED, AND ANY OTHER PERSON WHO MAY BE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADVERSE EFFECTS CLAIMED. THE REGULATORY AGENCY SHALL FURNISH COPIES OF THE COMPLAINT TO THOSE PEOPLE ON REQUEST.
- COMPLAINANT WILL BE INSPECTED AS WELL

 C) TO ASSESS ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS, THE COMPLAINING PARTY SHALL PERMIT THE REGULATORY AGENCY AND THE LICENSEE TO OBSERVE, WITHIN REASONABLE HOURS, THE LAND OR NONTARGET ORGANISM ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED.



### (D) FAILURE TO FILE A COMPLAINT DOES NOT BAR A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION FROM BEING FILED AND MAINTAINED.

• (E) THE REGULATORY AGENCY BY RULE MAY ADOPT PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF A REPORT CLAIMING ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM AN APPLICATION OF THE PESTICIDE.

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HOME	NEWS & EVENTS	GRANTS & SERVICES	REGULATORY PROGRAMS	LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS	FOOD & NUTRITION	EDUCATION & TRAINING	REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS	ABOUT AGENCY	FORMS

Regulatory Programs > Pesticides > Agricultural Applicators > Ag Pesticide Complaint Investigation Procedures

#### Filing an Ag Pesticide Complaint

The Texas Department of Agriculture is the lead state agency for regulating pesticides. This responsibility includes investigating complaints of alleged pesticide misuse. TDA investigates complaints from any person who believes he or she may have suffered adverse effects from a pesticide application or anyone who believes a violation of the Texas Pesticide Law or related regulations has occurred.

#### How to File a Complaint

Persons who want to report pesticide exposure or misuse should contact (512) 463-7622 or email Pesticides@TexasAgriculture.gov. TDA may initiate an investigation when notified either orally or in writing.

#### **Copies of the Report**

The investigation report is subject to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act. A copy of the report will be provided to the parties involved upon written request. Requests for reports should reference the TDA Incident Number located on the complaint form and be sent to: pub.info@TexasAgriculture.gov.

Reports are not available immediately following an investigation. Any samples collected must be analyzed and photographs developed. Interviews with all parties must be conducted before a report can be finalized.

#### **Enforcement Actions**

Depending on the result of the investigation, TDA may find that no violation could be documented or is unable to determine the responsible party and close the case without further action.

In the event that a violation can be documented, TDA may issue a warning; assess an administrative penalty; suspend, modify or revoke a license; or refer the case to another appropriate state or federal agency, county attorney, district attorney or Texas attorney general for further action. Monetary penalties collected by the state are deposited to the State's General Revenue Fund and not for the use of TDA.

#### Other important numbers

Texas State Poison Center 1-800-764-7661 (1-800-POISON1)

National Pesticide Information Center 1-800-858-7378

Cell (512) 955-9318

### COMPLAINT PROCESS

- COMPLAINTS ARE RECEIVED AT REGION OR HEADQUARTERS
- TRIAGED IN PROGRAM
- ASSIGNED TO REGION
- ASSIGNED TO INSPECTOR AND INVESTIGATION BEGINS
- ONCE COMPLETED, SENT TO HEADQUARTERS FOR REVIEW
- GIVEN TO LEGAL FOR CLOSURE OR ENFORCEMENT ACTION

# ALL AG COMPLAINTS BY YEAR

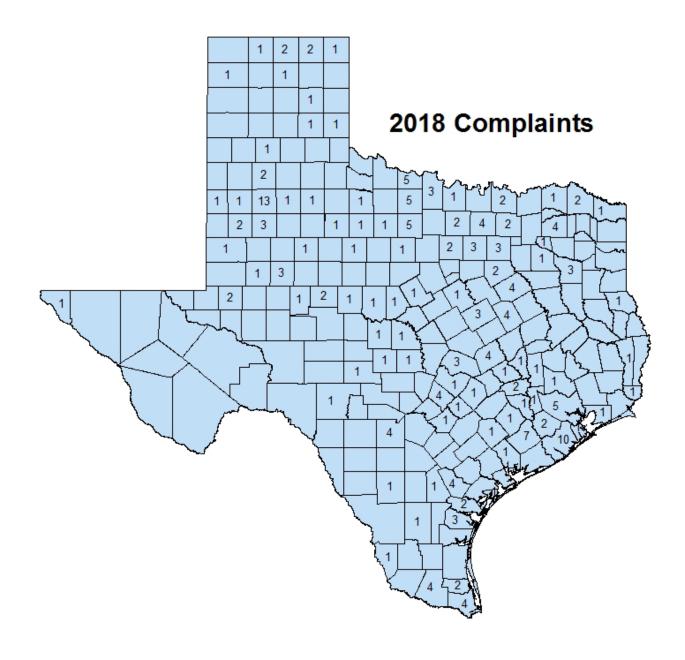
ONLY COMPLAINTS FILED WITH AGENCY AS COMPLAINT ARE REPORTED

2020 - 201

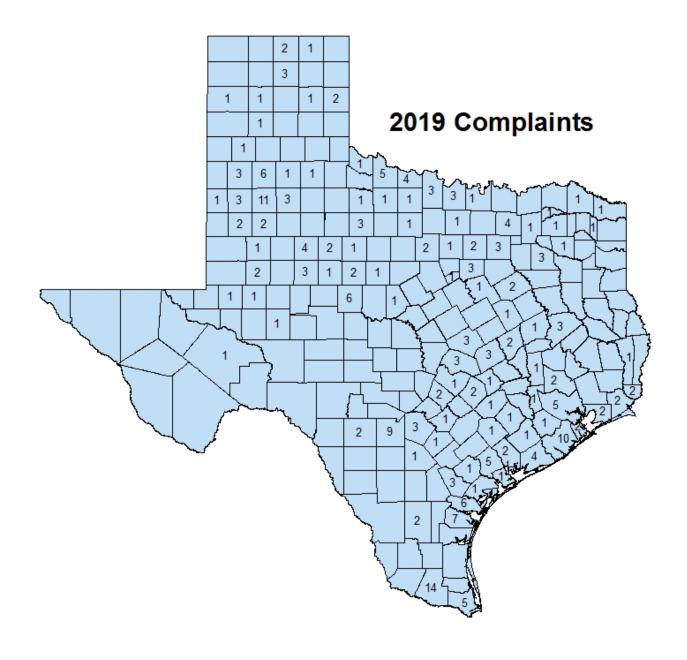
2019 – 251

2018 - 211

\*TDA AVERAGES ~ 220/YEAR



# COMPLAINTS BY COUNTY -2018



# COMPLAINTS BY COUNTY -2019

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Enforcement Violation		Count of Enforcement Violation
ALLOWING LICENSE TO BE USED BY ANOTHER PERSON	5	5
APPLIC DURING A TIME THAT PERSONS WERE PRESENT	5	5
APPLIC OF RH DURING PERIOD PROHIB BY CNTY SP. PRV	8	8
APPLIC OF RH IN VIOLATION OF 4 MILE RADIUS REQ	2	2
APPLIC OF RH IN VIOLATION OF WIND SPEED/DISTANCE REQ	6	6
APPLIC OF RH WHEN WIND VELOCITY EXCEEDED 10 MPH	11	11
APPLICATOR KEEPING FALSE OR FRAUDULENT RECORDS	14	14
DEALER FAILING TO DISPLAY LICENSE	1	1
DEALER FAILING TO MAINT INFO RE: SALES OF RU/SLU PEST	175	175
DEALER MAINTAINING FALSE AND/OR FRAUDULENT RECORDS	56	56
DISPLAYING/OFFERING FOR SALE PEST IN UNSAFE CONTAINERS	26	26
DISTRIB. PESTICIDE W/OUT RENEWING THE REGISTRATION	5	5
DISTRIBUTION OF REGULATED HERBICIDE W/OUT LICENSE	2	2
DISTRIBUTION OF RU/SLU PEST TO OTHER THAN LIC/CERT APPL	310	310
DISTRIBUTION OF RU/SLU PESTICIDES W/OUT LICENSE	76	76
FAILING TO MAINTAIN INFO REQ'D ON RECORDS OF PEST. USE	376	376
FAILING TO OFFER BASIC SAFETY AND HEALTH RELATED INFO-WPS	8	8
FAILING TO PROVIDE WPS TRAINING TO AG LABORERS-RTK	9	9
FAILURE TO ASSURE KNOWLEDGE OF LABEL REQMNTS & RULES	76	76
FAILURE TO EMPLOY A COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR	22	22
FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE TO ADJOINING OWNERS	1	1
FAILURE TO KEEP INFORMATION AT CENTRAL POSTING LOCATION-WPS	28	28
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A CENTRAL POSTING LOCATION-WPS	38	38
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A WORKPLACE CHEMICAL LIST-RTK	1	1
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT PROPERLY-WPS	1	1
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE	2	2
FAILURE TO MEET CEU RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	463	463
FAILURE TO OBTAIN A SPRAY PERMIT	32	32
FAILURE TO POST A TREATED FIELD FOR REENTRY INTERVAL-WPS	2	2
FAILURE TO PROVIDE DECONTAMINATION SITE FOR WORK/HAND-WPS	6	6
FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFO ON PEST USE BY AG ESTABLISHMENT-WPS	2	2
FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFO ON PEST USE BY HANDLER-WPS	4	4
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#### CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING REGULATIONS

- ON MARCH 4, 2018, THE EPA ADOPTED NEW CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING REGULATIONS
- CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING PLANS ARE STATE PLANS REQUIRED BY EPA AND LAY OUT HOW EACH STATE WILL CERTIFY AND TRAIN TO ENSURE APPLICATOR COMPETENCY.
- MOST STATES DID NOT EVEN REQUIRE WRITTEN EXAM, HAD MINIMAL CATEGORIES, AND HAD LITTLE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.
- THE RESULT OF THESE CHANGES ARE THAT ALL STATES ARE REQUIRED TO REVISED THEIR STATE CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING PLAN AND SUBMIT DRAFT TO THEIR EPA REGION BY MARCH 4, 2020.

### CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING REGULATIONS

- STATES WILL HAVE UP TO THREE YEARS TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES TO THEIR STATE PLAN DUE TO LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR MANY STATES
- TEXAS IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE
  - UPON TDA INTERNAL APPROVAL, INITIATE CONVERSATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS
  - MARCH 4, 2020 SUBMIT PLANT TO EPA REGION 6 WITH PROPOSED RULE CHANGES
    - TDA SUBMITTED PLAN TO EPA IN FEBRUARY OF 2020
    - PLAN IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING REVIEW AT EPA HEADQUARTERS
  - UPON APPROVAL BY EPA, TDA WILL INITIATE THE RULE CHANGES AND PUBLISH IN TEXAS REGISTER
  - RULE MAKING PROCESS TAKES 120 DAYS FROM PUBLICATION IN TEXAS REGISTER TO ADOPTION
  - 1-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE
  - TDA PLANS TO HOLD STAKEHOLDER MEETING ON C&T CHANGES

### CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING REGULATIONS

#### • CHANGES TO TEXAS STATE PLAN

- MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERAL RUP'S (18 YEARS)
- REQUIRED TRAINING FOR UNCERTIFIED APPLICATORS BY ONE OF FOUR METHODS:
  - EPA TRAINING
  - STATE APPROVED TRAINING (FOR TEXAS, PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING OR SPECIFIC TRAINING APPROVED BY TDA (ROW, VECTOR, ETC.))
  - CERTIFIED IN ANOTHER CATEGORY
  - WPS HANDLER TRAINING
  - NO MORE DIRECT SUPERVISION AFFIDAFIT

### RECORD KEEPING

- DATE OF APPLICATION AND TIME OF DAY
- PERSON FOR WHOM THE APPLICATION WAS MADE
- LOCATION OF LAND WHERE APPLICATION WAS MADE
- SITE TREATED (NAME OF CROP, ETC)
- TOTAL ACRES OR VOLUME OF AREA TREATED
- PESTICIDE APPLIED INCLUDING: EPA REG. NO., RATE OF APPLICATION,
   TOTAL VOLUME OF MATERIALS APPLIED PER UNIT, NAME OF PEST TREATED
- WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY AND AIR TEMPERATURE
- FAA "N" NUMBER FOR AERIAL APPLICATORS

#### RECORD KEEPING

- NAME AND LICENSE NUMBER OF RESPONSIBLE LICENSED APPLICATOR AND, IF DIFFERENT, NAME OF PERSON MAKING THE APPLICATION
- SPRAY PERMIT NO. FOR REGULATED HERBICIDES APPLIED IN REGULATED COUNTY
- MAINTAIN RECORDS FOR 2 YEARS

TDA Q527 7/15  TDA Q527 Address							сомміз			
Application Date	Time Started	Name of the person for whom the application was made	Location of Land Treated		Site Treated	Wind Direction	Wind Velocity	Air Ter		
Product Trade Name		EPA Registration Number	Target Pest	Rate of Product Per Unit	Method or Type of Equipment Used To Make Application		" Number 1 tion Equipr			

Non-licensed Applicator's Name Working

Under Licensee

Is Application Applied in Regulated County: 
□ Yes □ No

Licensed Applicator's Name and License Number

Documentation used to verify training of non-licensed applicator (Mark Applicable Box) □Signed & Dated Label Direct Supervisor Affidavit **WPS Handler Card** Application Time Started Name of the person for Location of Land Treated Site Treated Wind Wind Air Velocity Date whom the application Direction Temp was made **Product Trade Name EPA Registration** Target Pest Rate of Product Per Method or Type of Equipment FAA "N" Number for Aerial Number Unit Used To Make Application **Application Equipment:** 

Regulated Herbicide Permit Number:

Total Acres or Volume

of Area Treated

Is Application Applied in Regulated County: 

Yes 
No **Regulated Herbicide Permit Number:** Non-licensed Applicator's Name Working Total Volume of Spray Mix, Dust, Granules Licensed Applicator's Name and License Number **Total Acres or Volume** or Other Materials Applied Per Unit Under Licensee of Area Treated Documentation used to verify training of non-licensed applicator (Mark Applicable Box) Direct Supervisor Affidavit **WPS Handler Card** □Signed & Dated Label

### RECORD KEEPING

COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

Air

Temp

Total Volume of Spray Mix, Dust, Granules

or Other Materials Applied Per Unit

"N" Number for Aerial

# 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PESTICIDE WASTE DISPOSAL

- AS A RESULT OF A GRANT TO TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE
- THE PASSAGE OF HB 191 SETS ASIDE UP TO \$400,000/FY FOR PESTICIDE DISPOSAL EVENTS
- FIRST EVENTS SINCE 2011 WERE HELD IN WHARTON, GATESVILLE AND WESLACO
- LAST PLANNED EVENT WILL BE HELD IN HIGH PLAINS (LUBBOCK)
- IF ANY FUNDS ARE REMAINING, ONE FINAL EVENT WILL BE HELD WITH GRANT FUNDS
- 2020 FUNDS WILL LIKELY NOT BE USED UNTIL FY 2021
- RFP IS CURRENTLY OUT FOR RESPONSE

#### A TOTAL OF 257,219 LBS. OF WASTE HAS BEEN COLLECTED BETWEEN THE 3 EVENTS



#### THIS BREAKS DOWN TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 63,513 LBS. OF SOLID PESTICIDE WASTE
- 187,882 LBS. OF LIQUID PESTICIDE WASTE
- 5,824 LBS. OTHER INCLUDING METAL DRUMS AND EMPTY TOTES



#### WHARTON EVENT

- 114 PARTICIPANT TRUCKS CAME THROUGH
- AVERAGE WASTE PER TRUCK: ~ 1,069 LBS.
- ROUGH COST OF \$1,582.12 FOR DISPOSAL FOR EACH TRUCK



## GATESVILLE EVENT

DANGER

POISON

IMICIA FEATHERLITE

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# WESLACO EVENT

74,800 LBS DISPOSED

#### LUBBOCK EVENT

- OCTOBER 21 8:00 AM 2:00 PM
- SOUTH PLAINS FAIRGROUNDS
- 105 E BROADWAY
- CONTACT MYSELF (512) 955-9318
   OR OUR TDA LUBBOCK REGIONAL
   OFFICE (806) 799-8555





#### UNWANTED AGRICULTURAL SURPLUS PESTICIDES?

DISPOSE OF THEM PROPERLY AND STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE South Plains Fairgrounds • 105 E. Broadway • Lubbock, TX 79403

#### ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

#### • Outdated, discontinued or unwanted

- agricultural pesticides
- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Nematicides
- Growth Regulators
- Empty, Triple-Rinsed Plastic Pesticide Containers
- Empty or Partial Metal Drums

PESTICIDES MUST BE KEPT IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS, EVEN IF THE LABEL IS NOT PRESENT.

Unknown pesticides will be sampled and identified on site.

For questions or additional information contact the Lubbock County Office at (806) 775-1740, Danny Nusser, Regional Program Leader at (806) 376-0051, or the Texas Department of Agriculture at (806) 799-8555.



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MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED:
<ul> <li>Explosive ordinances and ammunition</li> </ul>
Petroleum-Based Products

- Paints
   Medical Wastes
- Radioactive Substances
- Household Pesticides, Chemicals, and Waste
   Tires
- Fertilizers, Propane or Butane Cylinders
- Chlorinated Hydrocarbons
- Fumigant Canisters
- Used motor oil and other automobile fluids
- Auto Batteries
- Empty Totes
- Methyl-Bromide Cylinders
   Dioxins (2.4-5T, Silvex, TCDD, etc.)

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#### SUNSET 2020

- SUNSET REVIEW PROCESS EVALUATES WHETHER OR NOT A STATE AGENCY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED
- IDEA IS TO CUT EXCESS GOVERNMENT SPENDING BY HOLDING STATE ACCOUNTABLE
- TDA IS TO GO THROUGH SUNSET EVERY 12 YEARS
- LAST WENT THROUGH SUNSET IN 2007 WHICH BROUGHT OVER THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD INTO TDA
- PESTICIDE LAWS WERE REVIEWED WITHOUT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUNSET COMMITTEE

### SUNSET 2020

- ONLY RECOMMENDATION THAT WOULD LIKELY HAVE ANY IMPACT ON PESTICIDE PROGRAMS WOULD BE THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A MORE RISKED BASED APPROACH TO INSPECTIONS.
- DIRECT TDA TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE DATA FROM ITS REGULATORY PROGRAMS TO INCREASE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS
- FULL REPORT CAN BE FOUND AT SUNSET.TEXAS.GOV