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Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2018 – 2019

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. Harrison Township Board of Education has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for Harrison Township Board of Education is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Milton R. Ney

Business Phone Number: (856) 478-2016 x7159

Business Address: 120 N. Main Street, Mullica Hill, New Jersey 08062

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS/SDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS/SDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan, Harrison Township Board of Education may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

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Monitored

Mandated

Other Reasons

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

The board of education is responsible for providing school facilities that are safe from hazards; sanitary; properly equipped, lighted and ventilated; and aesthetically suited to promoting the goals of the district. School buildings and site accommodations shall include provisions for individuals with disabilities pursuant to law and regulations.

The chief school administrator shall develop and enforce detailed regulations for the safe and sanitary operation of the buildings and grounds. The regulations shall be reviewed and adopted by the board, and explained to all staff annually at the beginning of each school year and when any changes are made.

The chief school administrator and board secretary shall develop a multiyear comprehensive maintenance plan for board approval, to be updated annually.

Integrated Pest Management

The New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002 requires schools to implement a school integrated pest management policy. As per this policy, each local school board of a school district, the Chief Administrator of a public school, each board of trustees of a charter school, and each Principal or Chief Administrator of a non-public school as appropriate shall implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests and minimize exposure of children, faculty, and staff to pesticides. Harrison Township School District shall develop and maintain an IPM plan as part of the School's policy.

Integrated Pest Management Procedures in Schools

Implementation of IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological or chemical methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

Each school shall consider the full range of management options, including no action at all. Non-pesticide pest management methods are to be used whenever possible. The choice of using a pesticide shall be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not effective or not reasonable. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, low impact pesticides and methods are preferred and shall be considered for use first.

Development of IPM plans

The school IPM plan is a blueprint of how Harrison Township School District will manage pests through IPM methods. The school IPM plan states the school's goals regarding the management of pests and the use of pesticides. It reflects the school's site-specific needs. The IPM plan shall provide a description of how each component of the school IPM policy will be implemented at the school. For public schools, the Chief School Administrator, in collaboration with the school building administrators, shall be responsible for the development of the IPM plan for this school district.

IPM Coordinator

The Superintendent of Schools shall designate an integrated pest management coordinator, who is responsible for the implementation of the school integrated pest management policy.

Education /Training

The school community will be educated about potential pest problems and IPM methods used to achieve the pest management objectives.

The IPM Coordinator, other school staff and pesticide applicators involved with implementation of the school IPM policy will be trained in appropriate components of IPM as it pertains to the school environment.

Students, parents/guardians will be provided information on this policy and instructed on how they can contribute to the success of the IPM program.

Recordkeeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency and the school board.

Records shall also include, but are not limited to, pest surveillance data sheets and other non-pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized.

Notification/Posting

The Principal of each school building in the Harrison Township School District is responsible for timely notification to students' parents or guardians and the school staff of pesticide treatments, pursuant to the School IPM Act.

Re-entry

Re-entry to a pesticide-treated area shall conform to the requirements of the School IPM Act.

Pesticide Applicators

The IPM coordinator shall ensure that applicators follow state regulations, including licensing requirements and label precautions, and must comply with all components of the School IPM Policy.

Evaluation

Annually, for public schools, the Chief School Administrator will report to the local school board on the effectiveness of the IPM plan and make recommendations for improvement as needed.

The local school board directs the Chief School Administrator to develop regulations/procedures for the implementation of this policy.

Board Approval: May 18, 2004

Legal References:

Monitored: Indicators 1.1, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8

Mandated: N.J.S.A. 13F-22(b) requires the adoption of a school integrated pest management policy consistent with the model policy developed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1F-22 (a).

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2(a) 1, 2 require board adoption of written policies and procedures addressing safe and sanitary operation and maintenance of school facilities and grounds according to the provisions established in that chapter; safe storage and use of potentially hazardous material on school property; prevention of accidents, panic and fire; compliance with community right-to-know requirements and provision for and maintenance of suitable and safe equipment.

Other Reasons: N.J.S.A. 13:1F-22(a) requires the commissioner of the department of environmental protection in consultation with the commissioner of education, the New Jersey School Boards Association and the New Jersey Cooperative Extension of Rutgers to develop a model school integrated pest management policy.

Recommendation:

Policy directing development, revision, adoption and dissemination of required rules, regulations and reports. The policy may also address statute and administrative code requirements for provision of clean, safe, sanitary and adequate school facilities and for keeping current lists of contracts for maintenance. Specifics of hazardous storage are more properly addressed in your building safety policy. Include the integrated pest management language here.

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 13:1F-19 through -33 "School Integrated Pest Management Act"
N.J.S.A. 18A:17-49 through -52 Buildings and grounds supervisors to be certified educational facilities managers
N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 Contents of budget; program budgeting system
N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq. Worker and Community Right to Know Act

Code: 3510

N.J.S.A. 34:6A-25 et seq. New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act
N.J.A.C. 5:23 Barrier free sub code of the uniform construction code
N.J.A.C. 6:8-2.1 Quality assurance annual report
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.1 et seq. Operation and Maintenance of Facilities
See particularly:
N.J.S.A. 6A:26-12.2(a)1, 2
N.J.S.A. 6A:30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (September 2002)

Possible

Cross References: *1410 Local units
 *2240 Research, evaluation and planning
 *3000/3010 Concepts and roles in business and noninstructional operations; goals and objectives
 *3516 Safety
 *5141 Health
 6161 Equipment, books and materials
 *7110 Long-range facilities planning
 *9130 Committees

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

LOW IMPACT PESTICIDES UTILIZED IN PAST 12 MONTHS

- **Rodent Traps.**
- **Eco PCO Exempt Dust.**
- **Eco PCO Exempt Granular.**