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PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Reminder – Oregon Limitations on Aminocyclopyrachlor (ACP) Still in Effect

On May 9, 2019, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) adopted [Oregon Administrative Rule \(OAR\) 603-057-0392](#), Limitations on Pesticide Products Containing Aminocyclopyrachlor. **This rule is still in effect.** Application of any pesticide product containing aminocyclopyrachlor (ACP) must be made in a manner consistent with the product container labeling *and* OAR 603-057-0392.

Limiting use

This rule prohibits the application of any product containing ACP on natural areas; restoration areas; marshes; swamps; bogs; wetlands; certain right-of-way (ROW) areas; and in certain proximity to greater sage-grouse areas, unless all of the following conditions are met:

- a. Applications are noncontiguous and, in the aggregate, do not exceed more than five percent of an acre;
- b. Use is limited to one application per 365 days per treated area; and
- c. Use is to control state-listed or county-listed noxious weeds.

Prohibiting use

This rule prohibits the application of any product containing ACP where the roots of nontarget trees or shrubs may extend and on the inner or outer banks of ditches or canals. It prohibits all aerial application of any product containing ACP. It also prohibits allowing or providing plant materials (including sawdust, bark or other byproducts from trees) that have been treated with or otherwise exposed to ACP for use in compost, mulch or animal bedding that is subsequently used for compost or mulch.

Why did ODA take this action?

There were several locations where ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, and possibly other valuable tree species had been negatively impacted by the herbicide ACP. This herbicide was applied to certain ROW sites for weed control. The U.S. Forest Service had identified at least 2,100 dead or dying trees along Highway 20 near Sisters. Some of these trees were old-growth ponderosa pines that were 150-300 years old. These measures are being taken in an abundance of caution to protect Oregon's natural resources.

What happens if you apply ACP contrary to the rule?

Failure to comply with OAR 603-057-0392 may result in a number of enforcement actions, including, but not limited to, license suspension or revocation, or imposition of a civil penalty. This rule is effective May 9, 2019, and there is no expiration date.

Which products contain ACP?

As of January 28, 2025, the following products containing ACP are registered for sale and distribution in Oregon:

- Method 240SL Herbicide (Bayer Environmental Science, EPA Reg. No. 432-1565)
- Method 240 SL Herbicide (Environmental Science US LLC, EPA Reg. No. 101563-177)
- Method 50SG Herbicide (Bayer Environmental Science, EPA Reg. No. 432-1566)

If you have any questions about this rule, please contact the ODA Pesticides Program at pesticide-expert@oda.oregon.gov or 503-986-4635.

