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Princeton Joint Unified School District

IPM Plan

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INTRODUCTION

Pests are populations of living organism (animals, plants, or microorganism) that interfere with use of school and other facilities for human purposes.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an approach that establishes a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health and environmental risks.

Princeton Joint Unified School District (PJUSD) has adopted this Integrated Pest Management Plan for the buildings and grounds PJUSD manages. The plan outlines procedures to be followed to protect the health and safety of staff, patients and visitors from pest and pesticide hazards. The plan is designed to voluntarily comply with policies and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture for public buildings and health care facilities.

Objectives of this IPM plan include:

- Elimination of significant threats caused by pests to the health and safety of patients, staff and the public.
- Prevention of loss or damage to structures or property by pests.
- Protection of environmental quality inside and outside buildings.

This IPM plan will be stored in the office of the IPM Coordinator.

IPM COORDINATOR

The Director of Maintenance or person(s) designated by the Superintendent or Director of Maintenance shall be the PJUSD IPM Coordinator and be responsible to implement the IPM plan and to coordinate pest management-related communications between PJUSD its Staff, Students and Visitors.

The IPM Coordinator shall designate an employee at each PJUSD managed facility to serve as the IPM contact for the site.

IPM COMMITTEE

PJUSD will maintain an IPM or other safety-related committee with responsibility for annual review of the IPM program and for assisting the IPM Coordinator in resolving pest-related issues. The committee will address IPM issues as needed and at least annually. Minutes will be taken of committee meetings and kept on file by the IPM Coordinator. Membership will include the IPM Coordinator and IPM Site Coordinators, and may also include community members,

health advocates, patients and representatives from the California IPM program.

POSTING AND NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS

The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible to annually notify patients and guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in facility buildings and on facility grounds.

When pesticide applications are scheduled in PJUSD-managed buildings or on grounds, PJUSD Service Providers and staff shall provide notification in accordance with law, including:

1. Posting, in public area, a pest control information sign with the date, time and location of the application and the product applied in an appropriate area and including contact information for additional details, 24 hours in advance of application. Posting will remain in place 72 hours after application
2. Providing this information to all individuals working in the building.
3. Providing this information to all patients and guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides.

Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of patients or employees, PJUSD may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any guardian who has requested such notification. Disinfectants, anti-microbials and self-contained or gel-type pesticide baits applied in inaccessible areas are exempt from posting and notification

RECORD KEEPING & PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

PJUSD will maintain records of all Service Provider visits and pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities will be made available to the public at the PJUSD administrative office. Requests to be notified of pesticide applications may also be made to this office. All guardians will be informed of their option to receive notification of all pesticide applications at enrollment and once annually.

1. All postings shall be forwarded to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, no less than annually, By Jan 31 of the following year

TRAINING

PJUSD staff will be provided with training on the District IPM policy during annual update training. Training will include the rationale for the IPM policy and program and specific elements including use of the pest-sighting log and prohibition on pesticide applications by non-certified individuals.

Additionally, designated staff including the IPM Coordinator, IPM Site Coordinators and those who conduct regular inspections of PJUSD facilities will receive advanced training on identifying pest infestations and pest-conducive conditions. This training will improve the ability of PJUSD staff to oversee Service Providers and ensure staff compliance with the District's IPM policy and plan.

GENERAL IPM STRATEGIES

Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and pre-approved, site-appropriate pesticides.

An Integrated Pest Management decision at PJUSD shall consist of the following steps:

1. Identify pest species.
2. Estimate pest populations and compare to established action thresholds.
3. Select the appropriate management tactics based on current on-site information.
4. Assess effectiveness of pest management.
5. Keep appropriate records.

Decisions concerning whether or not pesticides should be applied in a given situation will be based on a review of all available options. Efforts will be made to avoid the use of pesticides by adequate pest proofing of facilities, good sanitation practices, selection of pest-resistant plant materials, and appropriate horticultural practices.

When it is determined that a pesticide must be used in order to meet pest management objectives, the least-hazardous material, adequate for the job, will be chosen.

All pesticide storage, transportation, and application will be conducted in accordance with the requirement of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 United States Code 136 et seq.), Environmental Protection Agency regulations in 40 CFR, Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, PJUSD policies and procedures, and local ordinances.

No person shall apply, store, or dispose of any pesticide on PJUSD property without an appropriate pesticide applicator license. All pesticide applicators will be trained in the principles and practices of IPM and the use of pesticides approved for use by the School District. All applicators must comply with the IPM policy and follow appropriate regulations and label precautions when using pesticides in or around School District facilities.

Pest-specific strategies will be included in the IPM Program Specifications provided to each service provider.

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PJUSD service providers including cleaning, pest control and landscape maintenance will be guided by written and signed contracts including PJUSD-developed IPM program specifications for structural pest control providers.

Service providers will be directed to provide special attention to pest-vulnerable areas including food storage, preparation and serving areas; washrooms; custodial closets; mechanical rooms and entryways into the building.

Service providers or other IPM experts will be asked to provide input on any PJUSD facility renovation or reconstruction projects including reviewing plans for pest-conducive conditions, suggesting pest-proofing measures and inspecting construction where applicable to prevent and avoid pest problems.

PRINCETON JOINT UNIFIED STAFF ROLES

PJUSD administration will provide support to assist the IPM Coordinator in maintaining an IPM program that relies on minimal pesticide use. Such support will include efforts to promptly address any structural, horticultural, or sanitation changes recommended by the coordinator to reduce or prevent pest problems.

Furthermore, PJUSD administration will assist the Coordinator in developing and delivering materials and programs for staff, students, and the public to educate them about the importance of good sanitation and pest control.

The IPM director is responsible for ensuring staff compliance with the IPM policy and plan, as well as promoting best practices

Chemical pest management practices

If non-chemical methods are ineffective, the school district will consider pesticides only after careful monitoring indicates that

They are needed according to pre-established action levels and will use pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are

Effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property and the environment.

This school district expects the following pesticides (pesticide products and active ingredients) to be applied during the year.

(This list includes pesticides that will be applied by school district staff or licensed

Training

Every year school district employees who make pesticide applications receive the following training prior to pesticide use:

Pesticide specific safety training (Title 3 California Code of Regulations 6724)

School IPM training course approved by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (Education Code Section 16714; Food &

Agricultural Code Section 13186.5).

Submittal of pesticide use reports

Reports of all pesticides applied by school district staff during the calendar year, except pesticides exempt from HSA Recordkeeping, are submitted to the Department of Pesticide Regulation at least annually, by January 30 of the following

Year, using the form provided at www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm. (Education Code Section 16711) Notification

Notification

This school district has made this IPM plan publicly available by the following methods (check at least one):

This IPM plan can be found online at the following web address:

Healthy Schools Act

This school district complies with the notification, posting, recordkeeping, and all other requirements of the Healthy Schools

Act. (Education Code Sections 17608 – 17613, 48980.3; Food & Agricultural Code Sections 13180 – 13188

Plan Review

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the IPM Coordinator or other district representative. Any changes to the plan shall be posted to the District Website immediately.

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