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Herbicide and Pesticide Application Process

Description:

Following a recent herbicide overspray event, please find below a reminder of key processes when undertaking chemical vegetation management, either through the engagement of external contractors or directly within our teams.

Action Required:

1. LICENSES - Check your state requirements for licensing in the ARTC procedure: Pesticide Application (ENV-PR-003)
2. MATERIALS – ARTC and its contractors must only use registered pesticides, herbicides and chemicals, and in accordance with any contractual conditions. Information on approved chemicals can be found on the APVMA website.
3. ASSESS - Before works commence a TBEIA needs to be completed consistent with ENV-WI-005. The TBEIA should identify potential sensitive environmental areas such as waterways, stormwater inlets/drains and threatened species. It is recommended that no spraying of pesticides/herbicides occurs within 40m of these areas. The TBEIA must be reviewed by an environmental representative and endorsed by your supervisor. If you are unsure with regards to defined waterways, please refer to the ARTC map hydrology layer.
4. NOTIFY – Check your state notification and record keeping requirements in the ARTC Procedure Pesticide Application ENV-PR-003. In some states ARTC must notify any sensitive receiver (which includes residences, schools, medical centres) within 20m of the works at least 5 days before works commence. Records of notification may need to be kept for between 3-7 years, depending on state requirements.
5. RECORD - Both staff and contractor must complete pesticide (or herbicide) application records as per the requirements of ENV-FM-027 for each application undertaken. This form assists in managing the works by assessing weather conditions and providing a record of application. Record keeping requirements vary by state from 2-7 years.

If in doubt, speak with your relevant ARTC Environmental contact.

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