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Understanding The Changes With Paraquat

In December 2016 the EPA published new requirements for <u>all</u> registered products containing paraquat.

The 2016 Paraquat Dichloride Human Health Mitigation Decision mandated risk mitigation measures to allow for the continued use of paraquat. There will be label changes emphasizing toxicity and restrictions. These statements will highlight the paraquat toxicity, restrict the use of all paraquat products to certified applicators and require an EPA approved paraquat training for all users.

Beginning on November 14, 2019

All product entering the market will have the new amended label and supplemental warning materials.

- Applicators, mixers and loaders must be certified applicators
 - Non-certified applicators will no longer be allowed to mix, load, or apply paraquat under the supervision of certified applicators (i.e., prohibiting use by uncertified persons working under the supervision of a certified applicator)
- Instructions on how to become a certified applicator can be found at: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/how-to-get-certified-pesticide-applicator
 - Applicators, mixers and loaders must complete EPA training on How to Safely Use and Handle Paraquat Containing Products
 - Training will be hosted by the National Pesticide Safety Education Center (NPSEC)
 - After completing the training, paraquat applicators must pass a test with a score of 100%. Training must be completed every 3 years
 - On-line paraquat training can be found at:

www.usparaguattraining.com

With Gramoxone SL 2.0 applications completed for the 2019 season, now is a great time to prepare for the required changes for application in 2020.

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