



PESTICIDE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM STRATEGY SUBMISSION FORM



Organization: Pest Control Technicians, Inc. PESP STRATEGY

Describe Your Organization's Five-Year Goals Related to Pesticide Risk Reduction:

(Where do you want your organization to be in five years as it relates to the major pest/pesticide issues facing your industry?)

Pest Control Technicians, Inc has a long history of reducing liquid pesticide usage dating back to 1988 when we developed our own bait for Pharaoh Ants. This bait utilized on the first available insect growth regulator as its active ingredient, as opposed to using other existing materials that contained a toxicant. Over the years we have quickly changed from liquids materials to baits materials and insect growth regulators for roaches and ants. All of our newer service programs begin with targeting the services that our clients want, and end with our material choices predicated on lower toxicity and minimal pesticide usage.

This culture of always using lower impact materials in our service applications will continue to be part of who we are, and also, our contribution to the environmental stewardship of the US.

What do you envision doing (broadly) to try to resolve your major issues? Address whether practical, acceptable solutions are available for the major pest, pesticide, or sustainability issues facing your organization.

1. To look for ways to reduce the application of pesticides by developing exclusion materials and programs for insect and rodent treatments.
2. We will place more emphasis on client education to reduce pesticide applications.
3. We will increase education among our service technicians to allow them to be effective and make better choices when selecting a material for application.
4. Substitution of materials that contain toxicants with materials that utilize borate materials.
5. Work all of the above major issues and our responses into the culture of the company.



Goal 1 & Tactics

(Describe your first goal and the tactics you will use to attain it. What might EPA be able to do or facilitate to help resolve these issues? How you will determine whether or not you have been successful in achieving your intended results? Are there objective, economically-feasible measures of success that you can utilize to evaluate the success of your efforts?)

We already utilize some exclusion materials but have plans to develop more with the goal of reduced pesticide usage and a greater implementation of the Integrated Pest Management Principals.

Exclusion reduces pesticide usage by first denying pests harborage and nesting areas. Secondly, pest exclusion makes it easier for sanitation improvements since there will be fewer places for food materials to collect and deny pests adequate food sources.

Exclusion programs will reduce pesticide usage over longer periods of time since the products that we are choosing for exclusion will not be subject to environmental degradation. This will insure that less pesticides are used especially over the long run.

Goal 2 & Tactics

(Describe your second goal and the tactics you will use to attain it. What might EPA be able to do or facilitate to help resolve these issues? How you will determine whether or not you have been successful in achieving your intended results? Are there objective, economically-feasible measures of success that you can utilize to evaluate the success of your efforts?)

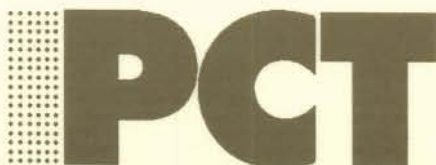
We will place more efforts into client education programs.

Education programs will result in reduced pesticide usage by talking about the principals of Integrated Pest Management. Giving clients a better understanding of what they can do to prevent pest infestations, such as ways that they can improve sanitation and participate in needed repairs and exclusion. Less food sources, fewer invading pests will mean less pesticide application. We will continue to note sanitation defecencies, storage situations that are conducive for pest infestation and repairs on all of our service reports.

Our education programs will also include a part about client and company communication using the Integrated Pest Management Reporting Logbook. Reporting pest issues early on reduces pesticide usage by only treating smaller infestations rather than ignoring the problem until the pests have spread and more pesticides will be required to eliminate the infestations.

We will evaluate this goal by monitoring our pesticides purchases to see that there is a reduction of pesticide use without sacrificing effectiveness.





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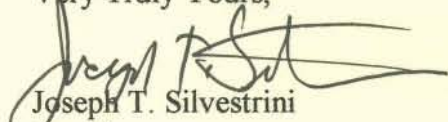
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Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find the PESP strategy for Pest Control Technicians, Inc. If you have any questions please call me at my office. We are very interested in becoming a partner in the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program.

Very Truly Yours,


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