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TESTING OF CHEMICAL PRODUCTS		Submitted By:	Purchasing Division
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Policy

All chemical based products must be tested and approved before they can be purchased and used in County facilities.

Approving Authorities

Department of Human Resources, Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) is the approving authority for chemical based products such as household and industrial cleaners, paint thinners, floor strippers, etc.

Department of Human Resources
Environmental Health and Safety Program (EHSP)
3333 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Tel: (213) 738-2150

Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures is the approving authority for chemical based products that are registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) e.g. pesticides.

Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Dept.
12300 Lower Azusa Road
Arcadia, CA 91006
Tel: (626) 575-5466

Procedures

Products are to be handled in accordance with the following procedures:

A. Chemically Based Products

1. The product Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and label must be approved by EHSP for compliance with applicable provisions of the California Hazard Communication Standard (Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 5194). The fee for this service is \$125.00 to be paid by the vendor. If approved, the product may be purchased by the department. If rejected, the vendor shall be notified of the reasons for such rejection.
2. Applicable to products that contain at least 1% of a hazardous substance, or 0.1% of a carcinogen. These substances are identified on the Director's List of Hazardous Substances, Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 339. Typical products include:

Acids
Adhesives
Ammonia

Automotive Solvents
Brazing And Soldering Alloys
Car Care Items

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Caustic
Cements Rubber Cements
Chlorine
Cleaning Compound
Cleansers
Coatings
Compressed Gases
Custodial Products
Developers (Photographic)
Enamels
Floor Care Products.
Foams
Graphic Art Supplies
Inks
Insulation Materials (Asbestos)
Laboratory Chemicals
Lacquers

Lead
Mercury
Oils (Petroleum)
Paints And Related Products
Plastics
Reducers
Refrigeration Gases
Removers
Sanitary Supplies
Sealers
Soaps And Detergents
Solvents (All Types)
Thinners
Varnishes
Wash Solvents

Note: The California Code of Regulations is available on the Office of Administrative Law website at www.ccr.oal.ca.gov.

3. Applicable to general public consumer products which are used and handled by employees in a manner that results in exposures greater than those experienced by the general consumer. Typical products include opaque liquid paper correction fluid, rubber cement, and rubber cement thinner.

B. Pesticides and Other U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Registered Products

1. EPA registered products require the approval of the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures. The approval process consists of ascertaining proper registration of the chemical product by the United States EPA and State of California, Department of Pesticide Regulation. It also includes a review of the pesticide label to determine that the chemical pesticide is labeled for and can be legally applied on the intended site.
2. Applicable to the following:
 - Acaricides (mites)
 - Algicides (algae)
 - Avicides (birds)
 - Bactericides (bacteria)
 - Bleaches
 - Chlorine anti-microbial disinfectants
 - Defoliants
 - Fungicides (fungus)
 - Growth regulators(plants/animals)

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- Herbicides (weeds)
- Insecticides (insects)
- Molluscicides (snail)
- Nematicides (nematodes)
- Pesticides (fish)
- Repellents
- Rodenticides (rodents)
- Sanitizers

3. Requisitions for EPA registered products submitted to the Purchasing Agent for processing must have the prior approval of the Agricultural Commissioner.