

## Pesticide Use Notification Plan for NSW Health - Part 4B Pesticides Regulation 1995

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**Summary** COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION IS NECESSARY - PRIOR TO PESTICIDE USE

Changes to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Pesticides Regulation 1995 4B, effective 1 February 2007, require a NSW Health Pesticide Use Notification Plan (PNP) which outlines how Health Services will notify local communities in accordance with a PNP, when it is intended to use or allow the use of pesticides in public places outside buildings and structures, owned or controlled by NSW Health

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**Applies to** Area Health Services/Chief Executive Governed Statutory Health Corporation, Board Governed Statutory Health Corporations, Affiliated Health Organisations - Non Declared, Affiliated Health Organisations - Declared, Public Health System Support Division, Community Health Centres, Dental Schools and Clinics, NSW Ambulance Service, NSW Dept of Health, Public Health Units, Public Hospitals

**Audience** Administration, Asset Managers, Environmental Health, Commercial and Support Services Managers

**Distributed to** Public Health System, Community Health Centres, Dental Schools and Clinics, NSW Ambulance Service, NSW Department of Health, Public Health Units, Public Hospitals, Private Hospitals and Day Procedure Centres, Private Nursing Homes

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**Status** Active

This Policy Directive may be varied, withdrawn or replaced at any time. Compliance with this directive is **mandatory** for NSW Health and is a condition of subsidy for public health organisations.

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**NSW HEALTH PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN  
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION - PRIOR TO PESTICIDE USE  
NEW REGULATION - 1 FEBRUARY 2007**

Changes to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) [Pesticides Regulation 1995](#) 1 February 2007 require public authorities and government agencies to notify the community when they intend to use or allow the use of pesticides in outdoor public places owned or controlled by the public authority. The changes are based on the principle that people have the right to know when an outdoor public place is being treated with pesticides and the type of pesticide that will be used.

The Department, in consultation with DEC Legal Branch and Environmental Health has prepared a health system-wide NSW Health Pesticide Use Notification Plan (PNP). This describes how and when notice is to be provided by Health's Services, the arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and situations where notice will not be necessary and will apply to all outdoor public places owned or controlled by NSW Health.

The system-wide PNP has completed public display and the endorsed PNP is issued as Departmental policy applicable to the Department and affiliated organisations under the Act, the Health Foundation, AHS, the Children's Hospital Westmead, Justice Health and the NSW Ambulance Services for them to implement when they intend to use pesticides in public places outside buildings and structures, owned or controlled by the public authority.

Chief Executives are to ensure that all relevant personnel under their management are aware of changes to this Regulation and NSW Health's PNP.

Copies of information concerning the changes and new regulation are available on the DEC website at: <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/envirom/em41.htm>

NSW Health's Pesticide Use Notification Plan is located at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/assets/pesticide/endorsed.pnp.pdf>

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