

# Marin County IPM Program

Application for  Limited Use and / or  
 Notification Exemption

Person Requesting: Rich Wallace Date: November 2, 2009

Department: Public Works Phone: 499-6954

Proposed Material: Terro PCO EPA Reg. Number: 149-8-64405

Active Ingredient: Boric Acid Amount of Material Needed: EPA Label rate

**Location of Proposed Use:** For structural use in areas where there are invasive ant populations.

**Reason why Restricted:** Boric acid is listed by the European Union as showing evidence of endocrine disruption.

**Reason for Need:** Ant infestations routinely invade structures for water, food, and shelter. Terro is a bait which under proper circumstances can be effective in controlling ant populations. It is a reduced risk product in a bait formulation which greatly reduces the potential for human exposure.

**Options/Alternatives:** Not addressing ant infestations would result in increased ant incursions and possible establishment of colonies in the Civic Center. Sanitation and cleaning is first choice, along with sealing access points. However, infestations often occur without any apparent attractant or access cannot be prevented. Boric Acid is a material approved for use in organic production systems, is considered least toxic, and it a foundational product for IPM programs.

**Plan to Reduce Future Use:** Sanitation, sealing of entry points, and training of staff as to house keeping practices to prevent situations that attract ants. Use in areas inaccessible to public and in gel formulation. Regularly evaluate alternatives.

**Time Period Needed:** Exemption and product use to be reviewed before the end of the 2009 calendar year from today's date. Product use review to include consideration of alternatives and consideration of cancelation or renewal of exemption.

Request Approved,  Request Denied



Stacy K. Carlsen, IPM Coordinator

11/2/09

Date

**\*Materials restricted by Marin County IPM Ordinance (Marin County Code Chapter 23.19) are Category I/II materials, materials listed as per Proposition 65, or any material classified by USEPA as a human carcinogen, probable or possible human carcinogen, reproductive toxin or developmental toxin. The complete list of Proposition 65 chemicals is available at:**

[http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65\\_list/Newlist.html#files](http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.html#files)

**The USEPA list is available at:** <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/carlist/>