

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Facilities Manager serves as the school district's IPM coordinator for the district, with the support of the grounds department and the assigned pest manager which is currently Western. This firm "participated with writing the Pennsylvania State IPM protocols for schools that are now law."

The pest manager (Western) "inspects the facility, monitors for pests, and decides if prevention or suppression measures are necessary". Western maintains records of pesticide use, including the kind and EPA Registration number, amount, location and date of application.

Pesticide Applications is only done by Certified pesticide applicators having the Category 23 classifications of 7Pa. Code 128.42 who are employed by the Pest Manager.

Upper Moreland's IPM strategies include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site appropriate pesticides. Whenever possible the school district makes recommended building repairs and improve sanitation practices to avoid unnecessary pesticide use.

The pest manager checks the Pesticide Hypersensitivity Registry, which is published quarterly by the Pa. Department of Agriculture. This registry identifies any individual within 500 feet of the application site, and whom a physician has verified to have medical problems associated with exposure to pesticides. These individuals are notified before any restricted use pesticide applications take place.

Upper Moreland, at least 72 hours before each planned pesticide treatment provides notice of the pest control information sheet to every individual working in the school building where the treatment is planned. The District provides notifications to parents or guardians at the beginning of each school year and at the time of a child's enrollment as well as those who have requested that they be provided notice at least 72 hours before each planned treatment to parents or guardians of students in a building or on school grounds where a treatment is planned. Not with standing any other provision of this policy, where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the District may authorize an emergency pesticide application. In the case of an emergency pesticide application, the District shall notify by telephone any parent or guardian who has requested such notification.

Each building maintains a Pest Sighting Log in the maintenance area. Building staff will report all sightings via a work order to the building assigned maintenance employee(s) who will then record each event in the log. This book will be available for inspection by the Coordinator and the Pest Manager when he or she arrives for the scheduled inspections. Significant sightings will be reported to the Coordinator immediately.

For questions and/or to place your name on the notification list, please contact Matthew Rhode, Facilities Manager at 215-830-1580 or mrhode@umtsd.org