

## Pest Vendor

### Guidelines for Documenting LEED Credits

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#### Least-toxic Pesticides

Least-toxic pesticides are defined by the City of San Francisco's Hazard Tier 3 criteria (least hazardous):

[www.pesticideresearch.com/site/pestsmart/](http://www.pesticideresearch.com/site/pestsmart/) or [www.pesticideresearch.com/site/evaluator/](http://www.pesticideresearch.com/site/evaluator/)

Least-toxic pesticide status also applies to any pesticide product, other than rodent bait, that is applied in a self-contained, enclosed bait station placed in an inaccessible location.

**Rodenticides are never considered least toxic** and are subject to the requirements of Universal Notification, below. Rodent baits should only be used if they are solid blocks placed in locked outdoor dispensers. No second-generation (single feed) rodent baits should be used.

#### Emergency Conditions

In the event of an emergency, pesticides may be applied on the grounds without complying with the earlier stipulations for use of integrated and least-toxic methods.

Emergencies are defined as **infestations that cause a real or perceived threat to occupant health and comfort.**

#### Universal Notification

<project name> has adopted a universal notification system if a pesticide, other than a least-toxic pesticide as defined above, must be applied on site. This strategy requires <project name> and its vendors to notify building occupants at least 72 hours in advance of a pesticide application under normal circumstances and no more than 24 hours after an emergency application through posted signs or other means of reaching 100 percent of occupants. This notification system enables occupants and staff, and especially high-risk occupants such as children, pregnant women and the elderly, to modify their plans based on pesticide use at the building.

Notification must include the following:

- Pesticide product name
- Active ingredient
- Product label signal word (e.g., "caution", "danger")
- Time and location of application
- Contact information for persons seeking more information

#### Recordkeeping

Recordkeeping is required to demonstrate ongoing compliance with the IPM plan. All applications of pesticides (include least-toxic options) shall be logged. The pesticide application log shall include the following information:

- Universal Notification to Occupants
  - Date
  - Time
  - Method
- Pesticide Application Date and Time
- Application Manager
- Location
- Target Pest
- Pesticide Trade Name
- Pesticide Active Ingredient
- EPA Registration Number
- Least-toxic status (Y/N)

No continual applications of tier 1 or 2 pesticides. This means that there can't be consistent applications of tier 1 or 2 pesticides in the same location on a continual basis. The reviewers will interpret this as the vendor not trying any least toxic techniques or pesticides.

Need pest logs for entire LEED performance period (for all pesticide applications) as well as any notifications that were required to be posted for any tier 1 or 2 applications.