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R9-4-102. Definitions. Pesticide poisoning illness
In Article 2, Pesticide Poisoning, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Case" means any person with an illness which has been determined by a health care professional to be a result of exposure to a pesticide on the basis of patient history, signs, symptoms or presentation of illness, laboratory findings or results of treatment.

2. "Cluster poisoning illnesses" means two or more cases or suspect cases of pesticide poisoning illness which are or may be related.

3. "Documented" means supported by written information, such as applicator reports, patient statements, or medical records.

4. "Health care professional" means any physician, hospital intern or resident, surgeon, dentist, osteopath, chiropractor, podiatrist, county medical examiner, nurse or other professional having responsibility for the diagnosis, care or treatment of human illness.

5. "Pest" means any weed, insect, vertebrate pest, nematode, fungus, virus, bacteria or other pathogenic organism or any form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life which the State Chemist declares to be a pest pursuant to
A.R.S. §§ 3-341.19 and 3-343(B), or R3 3-01(C), or which has been declared to be a pest by the Arizona Commission of Agriculture and Horticulture pursuant to A.R.S. § 3-361(6).

"Pest" means any of the following organisms under circumstances that make it deleterious to man or the environment:

a. Any vertebrate animal other than man;

b. Any invertebrate animal, including any insect, other arthropod, nematode, or mollusk such as a slug and snail, but excluding any internal parasite of living man or other living animals;

c. Any plant growing where not wanted, including moss, alga, liverwort, or other plant of any higher order, and any plant part; or

d. Any fungus, bacterium, virus, or other microorganism, except for those on or in living man or other living animals and those on or in processed food or processed animal feed, beverages, drugs and cosmetics.

5 6. "Pesticide" means any substance or mixture of substances, (including inert ingredients), intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pests, or any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant growth regulator, defoliant or desiccant.

6 7. "Pesticide poisoning illness" means disturbance of function, damage to structure or illness in humans which results from the inhalation, absorption or ingestion of
any pesticide.

9. "Poison control centers" means entities in the Arizona poison control network which engage in consultations concerning possible pesticide poisonings.

7 9. "Suspect case" means any person with a syndrome or signs and symptoms of illness which a health care professional believes, based on professional judgement, may be a result of exposure to one or more pesticides, but which does not meet the definition of case.
ARTICLE 2. PESTICIDE POISONING ILLNESS

R9-4-201. Pesticide poisoning illness reporting requirements

Any health care professional or poison control center, who participates in the diagnosis of a case of pesticide poisoning illness, or determines that an illness may be caused by related to documented exposure to a pesticide, shall file a report of pesticide poisoning illness with the Department as follows:

1. Reports of cases and suspect cases of pesticide poisoning illness shall be made within five days of the date of determining that an illness is or may be a result of documented exposure to a pesticide, except:

   a. Any case or suspect case which results in hospitalization or death shall be filed immediately reported by telephone, but in any event or no later than 24 hours from the time of hospital admission or death.

   b. Reports of cluster poisonings illnesses shall be filed immediately reported by telephone but in any event or no later than 24 hours from the time the second case or suspected case is identified.

2. Reports shall be made by telephone, in person or submitted in writing on forms supplied by the Department. The report shall contain:

   a. All reports shall include: the patient's name, address, and telephone number.

   b. Date of birth

   c. Race or ethnicity
d. Gender

e. Occupation

f. Dates of onset and diagnosis:

g. and the name of the pesticide if known:

The report shall also include the

h. name, address and telephone number of the person

making the report:

i. The reason for believing the illness is caused by

or related to documented exposure to a pesticide.

j. Statement specifying whether the illness is caused

by or related to a documented pesticide exposure.