

SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

SWP015 – HERBICIDE OPERATIONS

DO NOT use this Safe Work Procedure unless you have been inducted in its safe use and operation by an Authorised Experienced Person

The Safe Work Procedure may not cover all possible hazards and risk controls.
STOP THINK CHOOSE ACT

TRAINING

- General Construction Induction Course – CPCCOHS1001A (White Card)
- All workers are to be inducted on to the operators manual of the spray equipment
- All workers are to be familiar with and understand the safe conditions of use as per the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) of the chemical being used
- All workers must be inducted on to this SWP

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



PLUS ALL PPE AS IDENTIFIED IN THE SDS FOR THE CHEMICAL BEING USED

HAZARDS

ABBH

- ① **ABOVE** Anything above you i.e. Electrical power lines, vegetation
- ① **BELOW** Anything below you i.e. Trenches, trip hazards, underground services, ground conditions (wet, slippery, muddy, slopes)
- ① **BEHIND** Anything that can come into your work zone, blind spots, vehicles, pedestrians
- ① **HIDDEN** Check for hidden hazards i.e. Syringes, faeces, insect bites and stings, changes in weather conditions
- ① Contamination of water ways, creeks, lakes, drains, gully's and protected flora and fauna
- ① Spray drift, gardens, plants, vegetation, adjacent properties/waterways, live stock

PRE-OPERATIONAL CHECKS

- ✓ **STOP THINK CHOOSE ACT**
- ✓ Read and understand the safe conditions of use as per the SDS for the chemical being used
- ✓ Implement Traffic Guidance Scheme if applicable
- ✓ If required isolate the worksite to members of the public by fencing/barrier and/or use of a spotter

OPERATIONAL CHECKS

- ✓ Decant herbicides in safe area to prevent contamination to workers, the public and the environment
- ✓ When decanting herbicides, use PPE in accordance with the SDS
- ✓ Always read the herbicide label to determine recommended handling precautions

- ✓ Mix and use only the amount recommended on the manufactures instruction for the herbicide that is necessary to treat the weeds
- ✓ Only mix up enough herbicide for the application
- ✓ Diluted herbicide should not be left in the spray equipment for more than 24 hours
- ✓ Spills must be contained, cleaned up as per the SDS and reported to your supervisor
- ✓ Disposing of chemicals and out of date chemicals can be dispose of at the transfer station chemical disposal area or contact NQ Resources to collect
- ✓ All empty drums must be cleaned and punctured then stored for a drum muster
- ✓ Work towards the oncoming traffic and do not walk backwards
- ✓ When applying herbicide around play equipment or facilities you must be aware of children or members of public using the facility
- ✓ All herbicide applications must be recorded on a chemical distribution form and submitted to your supervisor at the end of each day

DON'TS

- ✗ **DO NOT RUSH**
- ✗ Do not use spray equipment with leaks or damaged hoses and fittings

ENDING OPERATIONS

- ✓ Clean up in accordance with Operators manual and relevant SDS

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MANAGE RISK WELL, NOW.

SWP INDUCTION RECORD

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Person Responsible: Site Supervisor and workers

SITE/LOCATION:

White Card	Name	Company	Signature	Date