

WASHINGTON GROWERS LEAGUE

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TO: Growers League Members
FROM: Mike Gempler, Executive Director
RE: Cholinesterase monitoring enclosures
DATE: March 16, 2004

Enclosed you will find the following items:

- ***Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) about the Washington State Cholinesterase Monitoring program.*** This 2-page sheet is a compilation of some of the most frequent questions we have received from members since the inception of the regulation, along with the correct answers.
- A 4-page ***training script for the required pre-monitoring training of all employees who handle covered pesticides.*** This is WGL's "Employer Friendly" version of the training developed by L&I.
- A 12-page set of "***Cholinesterase Monitoring Monthly Handling Record***" sheets for 2004. All twelve sheets are to be used for a single handler-employee. Each sheet is for a single month, with the appropriate number of days for each month so that you can count backward 30 days to determine if the handler reached the 50-hour threshold during the last 30 days. Make a copy of this set for every handler in your operation and use the set to keep track in 2004. We will issue new record sets for 2005, (not a leap year). This is the best way we could come up with to do the rolling 30-day recordkeeping without using a computer. Please call if you have any questions about it.
- ***A list of all covered chemicals.***
- ***A list of all medical providers registered with L&I to do cholinesterase testing and counseling.***
- ***A copy of the L&I Cholinesterase Monitoring regulations, (Chapter 296-307, Part J-1).***

Please call if you have any questions, comments or requests.

Please be aware that we achieved our objective of passing legislation this session that will require L&I to correlate test results with hours sprayed. Our contract lobbyist Chris Cheney was the key in negotiating a bill that was passable. We will closely follow the process to ensure that all testing data is received and evaluated correctly. If the resulting data evaluation makes a case for not moving to the 30-hour exposure threshold in 2005, we will seek to change the regulation. We have always suspected that the 30-hour exposure threshold was unnecessarily low, and we fought for, and achieved a means to prove that. Let's hope we are right.