From: Bill Jacobs
To: Elizabeth Hernandez
Cc: Dan Peacock; Jennifer Gaines; John Hebert; Kaythi Han; Russell Wasem
Subject: Re: Rodenticide
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How a pesticide is to be used is indicated on the label and labeling that accompanies the product in commerce. Without identification of the specific product that was used in the situation described, we cannot confirm the exact the contents of its current accepted label and labelng.

In general, bait block products that are labeled to control Norway rats, roof rats, and/or house mice in the U.S. are required to be placed in tamper-resistent bait stations if the placement otherwise would be accessible to children, pets, domestic animals, or nontageted wildlife. Thus,the situation described likely constitutes misuse of a pesticide.

In Califiornia, the best bet for getting the problem address quickly might be the County Agricultural Commissioner's office.

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Elizabeth Hernandez to: Dan Peacock, Bill Jacobs, Jennifer Gaines, John Hebert 06/20/2011 02:07 PM

Cc: Russell Wasem, Kaythi Han

Hi, All.

I'm Elizabeth Hernandez, a Communication Services Branch intern, and I need guidance on a rodenticide question asked by a member of the public.

Are all block rodenticides (that are 1 oz or larger) required to be encased in a bait station? She did not specify which rodenticide was used.

If a bait station is required, which authority should be contacted to ensure compliance?

I appreciate your assistance!

Below is the inquiry:

"Is there a local agency to force neighbor who is negligent to place 1 oz or larger rat bait cake poison in enclosed casing rather than open air? We have 3 yr old nephew who visits and pet schnauzer has been poisoned since it appears neighbor put rat bait cake on common wall one night that our 9 lb mini schnauzer ate...We live in Riverside County, CALIF, Rancho Mirage is there local authority or state agent who will compel him to not place bait cakes in open air?..."

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