

Organic Fertilizer Risk Assessment

Contamination of an area due to mis-use or accidental release of Organic Fertilizer is assessed to be very low due to the following control measures:

- The basic fertilizers that are used on our organic orchard are (1) Feather meal, (2) Mint Mulch, (3) Solubor, (4) Zinc and (5) Organic Chicken Manure or other approved organic mulch.
- All chemicals are kept under lock and key with only the ranch manager and foreman having access. Feather meal, mint mulch and chicken manure are ordered only when needed so that there is no old inventory.
- A trained consultant will first recommend ALL inputs that go on the orchard, the (general manager, orchard manager) approves the recommendation, and then the (orchard manager, orchard foreman) sees that the recommendation is carried out
- All orchard managers and foreman have been trained and carry an applicators license
- Suppliers are aware of regular usage and will contact GM if abuse is observed
- All Organic fertilizers should be stored a minimum of 100 feet away from waterways and bin storage
- Organic fertilizers should be applied in the spring, early summer for plant vigor and in the fall for nutrient purposes.
- All organic fertilizer is applied at least 120 days prior to harvest. Properly composted fertilizer that is accompanied by a certificate of pathogen reduction can be applied up to 90 days prior to harvest.
- Has the source of the fertilizer been approved and have the NPK's and heavy metals been documented?

Signature _____ Date _____