SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: INTEGRATED PEST

MANAGEMENT

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1. Purpose

The center shall utilize integrated pest management procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

Title 22, Sec. 4.12 Pol. 102 The center shall integrate IPM education into the curriculum in accordance with relevant academic standards.

2. Definition

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information to design and implement pest control methods that are economically, environmentally and socially sound. IPM promotes prevention over remediation and advocates integration of at least two (2) or more strategies to achieve long-term solutions.

3. Authority 3 P.S. Sec.111.21-111.61 7 Pa. Code Chap. 128 The Joint Operating Committee establishes that the center shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs.

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Joint Operating Committee shall designate an employee to serve as IPM coordinator for the center.

5. Guidelines

Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site appropriate pesticides.

An integrated pest management decision shall consist of the following five (5) steps:

- 1. Identify pest species.
- 2. Estimate pest populations and compare to established action thresholds.

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3. Select the appropriate management tactics based on current on-site information.
4. Assess effectiveness of pest management.
5. Keep appropriate records.
The center shall establish and maintain accurate records of all pest management activities, including pest surveillance, structural repairs and modifications, trapping, baiting, and pesticide applications.
All appropriate personnel involved in making pest management decisions shall take part in update training.
An Integrated Pest Management Program shall include the education of staff, students and the public about IPM policies and procedures.
Information regarding pest management activities, including pesticide use, shall be available to the public at administrative offices.