

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING & LAUNDERING CHEMICAL CONTAMINATED CLOTHING

PREPARATION:

- 1. Read the pesticide label for hazard information.
- 2. When applicable, remove pesticide granules from cuffs and pockets outdoors in the field.
- 3. Discard any garment contaminated with full-strength chemical according to product instructions.
- 4. Handle soiled clothing with chemical resistant gloves (such as unlined neoprene, polyethylene or rubber).
- 5. Use disposable plastic garbage bags for temporary storage of pesticide-soiled clothes before washing.
- 6. Pre-rinse pesticide-soiled clothing:
 - on pre-soak cycle of automatic washer OR
 - pre-soak in a suitable container (dump water on field) OR
 - spray/hose the garment outdoors (away from people, pets, and water sources).
- 7. Pre-treat heavily soiled areas. If an oil-based formulation has been used, treat with a laundry stain removal product intended for oily stains.

LAUNDERING:

- 1. Wash pesticide contaminated clothing separate from family clothing.
- 2. Do not overcrowd clothes; use 1.5 times more detergent than the product recommends; use heavy duty detergent.
- 3. Use hot water (60C/140F); full water level; normal wash cycle.
- 4. Re-wash clothing 2-3 times if heavily contaminated.
- 5. Line dry the clothing to avoid contaminating the dryer. Sunlight helps to break down pesticide residue.
- 6. Run the empty washer through a full wash and rinse cycle with detergent added.

CLEANING PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

While wearing your gloves:

- Wash your hard hat or waterproof hat, goggles, face shield, aprons and boots with hot soapy water then rinse and dry.
- Wash your respirator face piece only. Before cleaning remove the cartridges. Wash the respirator in warm soapy water, rinse and air-dry. Check seals and valves for signs of damage or wear. Store the respirator and cartridges in a sealed plastic bag.
- Last wash your gloves with hot soapy water, rinse and dry.



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