## Structural Pest Control Board

## LICENSING & INVESTIGATION

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## Did You Know? Same Terms, Different Meanings

<u>Register</u>: Structural Pest Control Company (SPCC) CAC: "Registers" to obtain information / collect \$ SPCB: "Registers" to issue licensure (PR or BR)

Branch: refers to either ...

- A "category" of licenses: Branch 1, 2, or 3
- A...business "in addition to" principle office

<u>Subs</u>: "Structural Act" allows "subcontracting" Sub: A subcontractor (e.g. a fumigator) sub: Abbreviation for "subterranean" termite

## A Play on Terms ... Can You Follow?

- A Principle Office can have Branch Offices
  - Yet a Branch Office must have branch(es)?
- A Licensee can work in a Branch Office
  - Yet a Licensee must have branch(es)?
- A Fumigation company is a Sub
  - Yet a fumigation won't kill a sub?
- A SPCC is registered with the Board
  - Yet it must register with the CAC?
- Bonus: A Fumigator fuming a ...
  - Commodity w/SF needs a permit
  - Structure w/SF does not need a permit?

## Licensing: Categories

Branch 1: Fumigation / To control: Wood-Destroying Pests & Organisms (WDOs) General Pest & Household Pests (HHPs)

Termite

**Fumigation** 

Branch 2: General Pest Control To control: Household Pests Definition of HHPs: BPC 8505(b)

#### **Branch 3: Termite Control**

To control: Wood-Destroying Pests & Organisms (termites, beetles, decay fungi, carpenter ants/bees) By: Use of pesticides, or structural repairs

### Licensing: Categories Branch 1: Fumigation of: WDOs & HHPs





#### Branch 3: WDOs

#### Branch 2: General Pest



#### Household Pests

## Licensing: Companies

SPCCs are "Registered" / Individuals are "Licensed"



Principle (e.g. Primary) Office: Principle Registration (PR) May have 1 to 3 "branches" Requires: Qualifying Manager (QM) PR: May have many BRs w/branch(es)



Branch Office(s): Branch Registration (BR) May have 1 to 3 "branches" Requires: Branch Supervisor (BS)

## Principle Registration (PR)

### Key Elements:

- Primary <u>physical</u> location of the business
- Required to: Maintain records (3 years)
  - Monthly Summary Pesticide Use Reports (stamps)
  - "Applicator" Pesticide Safety Training records
- Display PR registration/QM license(s)

### Key Designation:

- Qualifying Manager: Supervises PR/employees
  - CAC can issue NOPA to QM for PR violations
  - QM can "Qualify" 2 PRs w/same "branch(es)"

## Branch Registration (BR)

#### Key Elements:

- Fixed place of business <u>away from</u> the PR
  - Records kept; Mail received; Calls received/made
  - Statements rendered; Money collected
  - Display BR registration & BS license(s)

#### Key Designation:

- Branch Supervisor (BS):
  - Supervises business & assist employees
    - Under QM's supervision

REGISTRATION FOR BRANCH 1 - STRUCTURAL FUMIGATION         Date Submitted:	
COMPANY INFORMATION: Company Name:	
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Physical Address:	
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OPR: License:	z.p.
SUPERVISION: Qualifying Manager (QM) and Branch Supervisor (BS) (Re	sponsible Person)
QM:Exp	
BS: License: Ex	p:
REGISTRATION INFORMATION / FEES:         (Submit all pages with appropriate fees, and signatures)         Total Fees Submitted: \$         Make check payable to:	
Print Name: Date:	

#### THIS REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE VALID IF IT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FEE

(if applicable). Food and Agricultural Code section 15204.5(a) requires each licensed structural pest control operator field representative and (SPCB) registered company to register with the commissioner prior to conducting fumigations in any county. The registration shall cover a calendar year. A fee may also be required at the time of registration. The fee shall be set by the county Board of Supervisors, except that in no case shall the fee exceed the actual cost of processing the registration or twenty-five dollars (\$25), whichever is less. Registrations may be amended to add operators, field representatives and locations during the year for a fee not to exceed the dollars (\$10).

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Date Submitted:		F	or Year:	4 1 4 5	
COMPANY INFORMATION	V: Performin	g work in:	□ Branch 2	4	ranch 3
Company Name:					
Mailing Address:					
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Telephone: ( )	Fax: ( )	Section 1	E-mail:		
Physical Address:					
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OPR:	L	ic:	Exp:	Branch 2	Branch 3
SUPERVISION: Qualifying N	•	,			
QM:(Print Name)	L	ic:	Exp:	Branch 2	Branch 3
BS:(Print Name)					
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Signature:	information provid	led is TRUE an	d CORRECT	Title:	

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

THIS REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE VALID IF IT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FEE (if applicable). Food and Agricultural Code section 15204(a) requires each licensed Branch 2 and Branch 3 structural pest control operator qualifying manager and (SPCB) registered company to register with the commissioner prior to operating a structural pest control business in the county. The registration shall cover a calendar year. A fee may also be required at the time of registration. The fee shall be set by the county Board of Supervisors, except that in no case shall the fee exceed the actual cost of processing the registration or ten dollars (\$10), whichever is less. Registrations may be amended to add or change operator qualifying manager and/or branch location(s) during the year for a fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10).

## Licensing: General Information

- Licensing Levels:
- Entry: Structural Pest Control Applicator (APP)
- Mid: Field Representative (FR)
- High: Operator (OPR)
- Licensing Renewal Cycle:
- Companies: "Lifetime" Registration; <u>No</u> renewal
- Individuals: Every 3 years; Expires 6/30/xxxx
- Licensing Employment Status:
- Individuals: Must be employed by a PR or BR
  - License "inactivated" if not employed

## Licensees: Who Can Do What?



#### Advertise-Solicit-Contract-Recommend-ID



Inspect-Submit Bids-Write Reports-Perform Work

## Applicator (APP)

### Applicators (in Branches 2 & 3) may:

- Apply pesticides
  - After Branch 2 or 3 inspection by FR or OPR
  - Including preventative treatments
- Do other work under supervision of FR or OPR

May <u>not</u>:

- Identify pests
- Contract for work



- Apply restricted materials
  - Without supervision (by FR or OPR)



## Field Representative (FR)

Field Representatives may:

- Own a company (must employ a QM)
- Manage as a Branch Supervisor
- Negotiate / sign contracts
- Apply pesticides (including fumigants)
- Inspect / Identify pests

May not:

- Qualify a Company
- Contract on his/her own behalf





## **Operator (OPR)**

#### Operators may:

- Qualify a company
- Negotiate contracts
- Sign contracts
- Inspect & ID pests
- Apply pesticides
  - Including Fumigants
- Work for a company



## "Unlicensed" Employees

Employed by a registered company may:

- Apply pesticides:
  - During first 90 days of hire (no extension)
  - Under <u>Direct supervision</u> (in presence of) FR or OPR
- Perform:
  - Structural repairs, alterations, corrections
  - Non-chemical control measures using devices (e.g. Exclusion work)
  - Physical work that <u>does not</u> require a license (e.g. Dewebbing)

## Branch 1: Fumigation Sulfuryl Fluoride is used to control:



#### **Drywood** Termites



### Wood-boring Beetles

- Rodents
- Vermin
- Bed Bugs



## Branch 2: General Pest Control

Typical pests:

- Ants, Cockroaches, Spiders
- Fleas & Noxious Pests
  - Bed Bugs
- Stored Product / Fabric Pests
- Bees (location dependent)
- Structural Vertebrate Pests















## Branch 2



### Mechanical Control



Trapping



Bed Bug Sniffing Dog



Applications

## Branch 2: General Pest Control

#### Settings include:

- Industrial, Institutional, Residential
- Indoor & Outdoor

#### Activities include:

- Inspections / Bed Bug Sniffing Dogs
- IPM: Cultural, Mechanical, Exclusion, Monitoring
- Bait stations / Trapping
- RMs used for: Rodent control / Bird control

## Branch 3: Termite Control

#### Inspection of:

#### Residential / Commercial Structures for:

- Wood-Destroying Pests and Organisms
  - Real Estate Transactions
  - Occupants: See damage, pellets, swarmers
- Inspector's recommendations may include:
  - Remove, or repair damaged wood
  - Local Treat: termiticides, fungicides
  - Whole House Treatment
    - Fumigation w/sulfuryl fluoride (Vikane, Zythor)
    - Heat Treatment

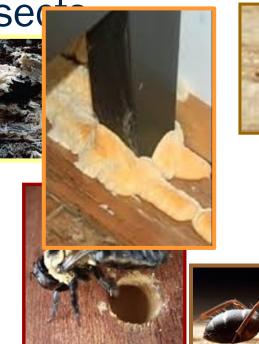
## Branch 3: Termite / WDO Control

### **Typical Pests:**

- Drywood Termites
- Subterranean Termites
- Wood Boring Insert
- Decay Fungi

### Other:

- Carpenter Bees
- Carpenter Ants
- Poria Incrassata









### Western Drywood

## Branch 3: Pre-Treatments





Wood Preservative



#### **Borate Product**



#### Soil Treatments

Other: Termite Bait Station



## Structural Devices

Structural Pest Control Devices for Wood-Destroying Pests:

- Definitions: FAC 15300
  - Wood-Decaying Fungi not included
- Must be registered with DPR (& US EPA)
- Device Types:
  - Electrical, Microwave, Heat

Devices used for "Other" pests

- Such as: Bed Bugs
- Not required to be registered

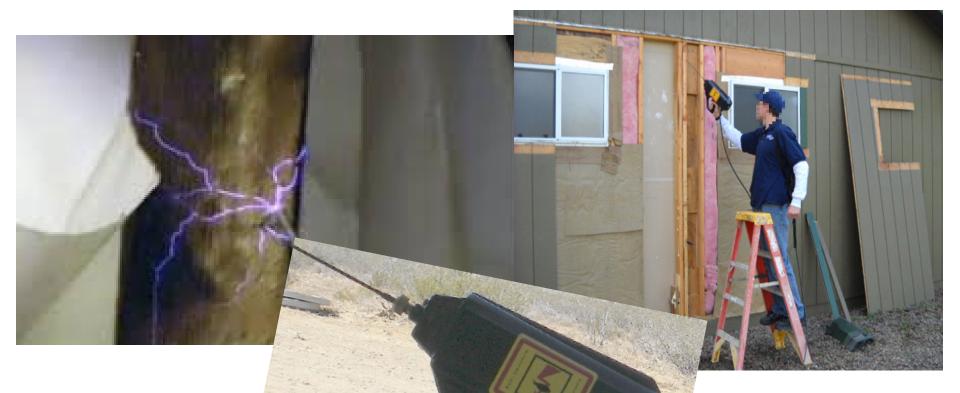
## Structural Devices

Structural Pest Control Devices:

- •CACs role Check the following:
  - Licensing status: company/licensee
  - CAC registration
  - Device Registration <u>if</u> used for listed pests
  - •BPC 8616.5.(a)

CAC shall be the lead agency for inspections & routine investigations of pesticide use by SPCB licensees & reg'd companies, and persons engaged in <u>unlicensed</u> structural pest control...

## Structural Devices: Electricity



#### **Electro Gun**

### DPR reg'd 3/28/06

## **Structural Devices: Microwave**



The Exterminator 4.0 DPR reg'd 11-13-12

The Zapper DPR reg'd 2-9-11

## **Structural Devices: Heat**





Dewey Heat DPR reg'd 7/20/10

Safe Heat Model 500 DPR reg'd 4/27/10

# Licensing Tool: DCA licensing tool https://search.dca.ca.gov/

BOARDS AND BUREAUS	BUSINESS NAME
Structural Pest Control Board	Mega Fume Inc
LICENSE TYPE	FIRST NAME
	First Name
LICENSE NUMBER	LAST NAME
License Number	Last Name

MEGA FUME INC			
LICENSE NUMBER: 3679 LICENSE TYPE: COMPANY REGISTRATION			
LICENSE STATUS: CLEAR ② EXPIRATION DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2035			
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A			
CITY: ANAHEIM STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: ORANGE ZIP: 92817			
Δ	ADDRESS :		
NAME: WADLEIGH, DAVID G JR 🍑	PO BOX 17716		
NAME: WADLEIGH, DAVID G JR 🔍 LICENSE/REGISTRATION TYPE: OPERATOR			

## Licensing Tool

https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/enforce/compend/vol\_1/chapter\_3.pdf

#### Guidance in Determining Business License Type Required -- Structural or Agricultural Pest Control Structural Pesticide Use<sup>10</sup>

Quick Reference Charts, Continued

Guidance	Guidance in Determining Business License Type Required Structural or Agricultural Pest Control Non-Agricultural Pesticide Use <sup>10</sup>			
Site / Situation	License Required	Section Cited	Description of Pest Control Conducted	
Structures or its contents	Branches 1, 2, or 3 QAL Cat A	B&PC §§ 8550 & 8555 FAC § 11701	<ul> <li>The intent of the application is the primary determinant:</li> <li>a. When treating structures, incidental treatment of any contents (commodities) is okay and is strictly structural pest control</li> <li>b. Direct treatment of non-food or non-feed commodities (e.g., dunnage, furniture), can be done under either license</li> <li>c. Direct treatment of postharvest or stored agricultural commodities is agricultural pest control</li> </ul>	
Servicing devices	Branch 2 QAL Cat I	B&PC § 8505 FAC 8 11701	<ul> <li>Servicing spray devices in:</li> <li>a. Structures such as warehouses, restaurants, office buildings is structural pest control</li> <li>b. Structures located on a farm (such as stables and barns) are an agricultural use but can be done under either license.</li> </ul>	

# Branch 3: WDO Reports

**RECOMMENDATION: 2A** 

Relevance to CACs

- Pesticide Written Notice
  - BPC 8538
  - Pest/Pesticides/ Placement
- Pesticide Disclosure
  - 16CCR 1970.4
  - When/How/What
- Records
  - 16CCR 1970(b)

(A)	S		WOOD DESTROYING PI	ESTS AND ORGANIS			RT
		Bu ding No. 809	Steet Herbert Street	City Roseville	Zip 95678	Date of Inspection 05/24/11	Page 1 of 6
Notice		HUB	www.hubble-termite Registration # PR55	y Dr. 12 50 Fax: (661) 873-4908 .com	- 	F Séni to:	Report # 3017
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	1. SUBTERRANEAN			·····			, , , , ,
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it	RECOMMENDATION: 1	A	We recommend treat TERMITES.	ating infestation for t	ne control	of SUBTER	RANEAN
2. DRYWOOD	TERMITES						
ITEM NO. 2A	(5	Section ?	1)				
FINDING:	E	vidence	of DRYWOOD TERM noted in or near: AT / RY WAY HEADERS.				

Fumigate the structure with a fumigant lethal to DRYWOOD TERMITES. See the occupants fumigation notice for further details. This company is not responsible for delays or schedule changes due to inclement weather or other agencies, nor is

## Branches 3 & 2: Reports

#### Relevance to CACs: 8538, 1970(b), 1970.4

"State law requires that you be given the following information: CAUTION-PESTICIDES ARE TOXIC CHEMICALS. Structural Pest Control Companies are registered and regulated by the Structural Pest Control Board, and apply pesticides which are registered and approved for use by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Registration is granted when the state finds that based on existing scientific evidence, there are no appreciable risks if proper use conditions are followed or tha risks are outweighed by the benefits. The degree of risk depends upon the degree of exposure, so exposure should be minimized.

"If within 24 hours following application you experience symptoms similar to common seasonal illness comparable to the flu, contact you physician or poison control center at: (800) 222-1222 and your pest control company immediately."

(Health Questions) County He Orange County Los Angeles County San Bernardino County Riverside County (Application Info.) County Agrid	(714) 834-7700 (213) 250-8055 (800) 782-4264 (951) 358-5000	TERMITE AND FUNGUS CONTROL CHEMICALS: * MasterLineBifenthrin (EPA Reg. No. 279-3206-73748 Active Ingredient: Bifenthrin* 7.9% BORA-CARE- Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate (CAS No. 12280-03-440% TAURUUS SD-(EPA Reg. No. 5388-279 Active Ingredient: Fiponil 9.1%
Orange County	(714) 955-0100	Zythor (EPA Reg. No. 81824-1
Los Angeles County	(626) 575-5471	Active Ingredient: Sulfuryl Fluoride 99.3%
San Bernardino County	(909) 387-2105	<mark>Vikane (EPA Reg. No. 1015-78</mark>
Riverside County	(951) 955-3045	(Note: Chloropicran is used as a warning agent on all structural fumigations.)

## **Completion Notice**

### Relevance to CACs For Info Only

- Issued within 10 days of work completed
- Separate from 1970 & 1970.4

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		Other: \$		0.00	
		Total: \$		0.00	
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		Signature			
	u are entitled to obtain copies of all reports and	completion notices on this property reported to the		a the preceding two years. To obtain	
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"Subcontracting" a Fume Branch 3 to Branch 1

Most common practice:

WDO report(s) recommends a "fumigation"

- Consumer chooses the Branch 3 (ID the pest)
- Branch 3: "Prime Contractor" (bids the job)
- "Subcontracts" fume to Branch 1 ("Sub")
  - Prime provides OFN, SF Fact Sheet to consumer
  - Sub provides Fume Log & Fume Certification to Prime

### "Subcontracting" a Fume Branch 3 to Branch 1

2. DRYWOOD TERMITES	
ITEM NO. 2A	(Section 1)
FINDING:	Evidence of DRYWOOD TERMITES as indicated by 2A on the diagram. Evidence noted in or near: AT ATTIC, EAVES, SIDING, TRIM, WINDOW TRIM AND ENTRY WAY HEADERS.
RECOMMENDATION: 2A	Fumigate the structure with a fumigant lethal to DRYWOOD TERMITES. See the occupants fumigation notice for further details. This company is not responsible for delays or schedule changes due to inclement weather or other agencies, nor is
Tel. No. ( )	Emergency No. ( )
Occupant	,
Tel. No. ( )	Emergency No. ( )
Prime Contractor	Emergency No. ( )
Fumigation Contractor	Emergency No. ( )
Target Pest(s): Drywood Tern	
Fumigants proposed to be used:	
Other(s)	(Product Name)

## **Specialist In Action**



It's a Dirty Job, but Somebody has to do it!

#### The "Crawl"- Subarea, Attic ...

## SPCB Investigators' Roles

#### **Board Specialists:**

- Interview complainants / other parties
- Inspect property; Issue "Corrective Findings"
- •Submit Investigation w/ENF recommendation
- Conduct Office inspections
- Expert Witness / Court Licensing cases
- Monitor probationers
- •Set-up stings for unlicensed activity



### Evidence of Poor Workmanship

Evidence of drywood termite damage to patio support post





Negligent WDO Inspections:

- Fungus damage under shower
- Improper repairs
- Not all damaged wood removed



#### Unannounced Office Inspection

- Pesticides: Not Locked / Attended
- Concentrates, Baits, Aerosals
- PPE not separated



#### Poria Incrassata



#### House Eating Fungus 1" of wood / day

- Destroy rhizomorphs / Correct faulty grades
- Use pressure treated wood / Remove infected wood
- Break earth to wood contacts