

Agricultural Field Toilet Inspection Program In Monterey County



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Food Safety Assurance at the Source

Excerpts from the Agricultural Field Toilet Inspection Program

Food crops that are contaminated in the field can cause illness to people who consume them. Contamination of food crops in the field can happen when: A worker touches food crops with unwashed hands, By animal or human excreta (urine or feces) in the soil, Flies that are attracted to excreta in the soil then carry the contaminants to the food crops. Field toilet owners that provide one or more field toilets for the use in Monterey County agricultural fields are required to possess a health permit issued by the Environmental Health Bureau of the Monterey County Health Department. The permits are issued annually after an inspection is conducted. When the toilet is found to be in compliance a sticker with the year printed on it is placed in the upper left corner. This helps identify which toilets have been inspected with those that have not. This program is called the Agricultural Field Toilet Inspection Program (AFTIP). The Agricultural Field Toilet Inspection Program ensures that field workers are provided with clean, sanitary toilet facilities; hand washing units are available with an adequate supply of water, soap and hand towels; and keeps workers healthy by making sure they have enough safe fresh drinking water with single use cups available.

The AFTIP is using existing laws to implement this program. These statutes and regulations are found in the California Health and Safety Code Sections 113310 through 113360, Title 8, Section 3457 (OSHA) California Code of Regulations, and Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, Group 11, Article 3, Sections 8005 through 8008.