



## PERSISTENT HERBICIDE INCIDENT OR SUSPECTED CONTAMINATION REPORT

In order to stop the use of persistent herbicides in ways that impact compost, we need to know what the impacts are. If you suspect presence of persistent herbicides in compost or damage from persistent herbicides contained in compost, please complete this survey. This information will be kept confidential by the USCC unless permission to share it is granted.

Please complete a separate report form for each incident.

Required fields are indicated with an asterisk(\*)

### PART I. EVIDENCE OF PERSISTENT HERBICIDES

\* Details/Evidence of Event (an “event” is evidence of suspected herbicide damage from compost. This could be in a field, plot, or even bioassay screen):

Be brief and as specific as possible in providing details about the event. Additional optional information for the event, including the ability to upload photos, a lab report or other supporting documentation, may be entered at a subsequent point on the form.

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\* Where did the event take place? (eg, garden, field, lab, etc)

\* State where event occurred:

\* County where event occurred:

\* Date adverse effects first observed:

Ending date of observed adverse effects:

\* Please provide details about the plants affected during this event below.

| Effected Plant Names (Species if known) | Age of plants | Please enter <b>one</b> of the following two fields |                            |
|---|---------------|---|----------------------------|
|   |               | Number of plants affected                           | Percent of plants affected |
|   |               |   |                            |
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\* Is there any evidence of herbicide use/misuse: (please choose 1)

- Registered Use (pesticide was used according to the EPA-approved label)
- Misuse/unintentional: (pesticide was not used according to the approved label, but the misuse was not blatant or with malicious intent)
- Misuse/intentional: (pesticide was used in a way that was blatantly different from the approved label or with malicious intent, such as application to bait to poison nontarget wildlife)
- Misuse/unsure: (pesticide was not used according to the approved label, but there is not enough evidence to categorize as intentional or unintentional)
- Spill: (exposure was caused by a spill, leak, or dumping of pesticide)
- Undetermined: (not enough information was given to determine use/misuse)

Please attach any additional information about this exposure you can. Items you may wish to provide might include:

- Photos of the suspected persistent herbicide impacts
- Results of persistent herbicide indicator tests (bioassay). (Please include indicator species, sample description, measured value, and units.)
- Results of pesticide residue analysis of tissue or soil samples. (Please include species, sample description, name of the pesticide or degradation product, measured value, and units.)
- Other environmental measurements taken at the incident site, such as dissolved oxygen or pH levels.
- etc...

See instructions at the end of the form for sending additional information.

PART II. SUSPECTED SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION  
FOR COMPOST PRODUCERS ONLY

How big is your composting operation (tons/year or cubic yards/year)?

What feedstocks were used in the manufacturing of the compost?

Which of your feedstock(s) do you suspect are the source(s) of persistent herbicide?

Do you have any evidence to support this suspicion? If so, what is it?

FOR COMPOST USERS ONLY

Where did you get the suspected tainted compost?

How much did you get (bags, cubic yards or tons)?

When did you get it?

Can you rule out the following scenarios that may have contributed to abnormal plant growth:

|   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| Herbicides applied to adjacent lawn or property | YES | NO |
| Ethylene toxicity in a greenhouse environment   | YES | NO |

PART III. Contact Information (optional):

You may provide contact information for the person responsible for this report if you wish. This information will not be sold or used for commercial purposes. This information will be kept confidential unless you give us permission to share it. Providing it will allow us to ask you follow up and clarifying questions.

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Name:             | <input type="text"/> |
| Title:            | <input type="text"/> |
| Company Name:     | <input type="text"/> |
| Street Address 1: | <input type="text"/> |
| Street Address 2: | <input type="text"/> |
| City:             | <input type="text"/> |
| State:            | <input type="text"/> |
| Zip Code:         | <input type="text"/> |
| Phone Number:     | <input type="text"/> |
| E-mail address:   | <input type="text"/> |

Information from this form will be kept confidential and only reported in aggregate unless specific permission is given. Giving us information to share with the EPA will allow the event to be investigated in detail.

I give the USCC permission to share the contents of this form with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and, if in California or New York, the appropriate state agency. Data from this form may be used to inform decision-making in the federal regulation of pesticides. Please note that the information submitted through this portal will not be used for targeted enforcement. If you wish to speak with someone about a potential investigation, please contact your state's lead [agency](#) for pesticide enforcement. Please note that government agencies cannot ensure that personally identifiable information in reports will be kept confidential.

To send photos, lab results, or other supplemental information, click [HERE](#)