Violations of City of Eugene Integrated Pest Management Policies in Washington Park
Policy 3.11: Turf Areas

- Weeds will be controlled using the “least toxic method available.” If chemical control is needed, the least toxic chemicals possible will be used.

- Violation of Policy: Turf was sprayed using a toxic chemical.
3.12 Trees Wells

- “Control Strategies will focus primarily on mechanical action.”

- Violation of Policy: Tree wells throughout the park (about 20) were sprayed.

- Tree wells provide a place for people to sit and to secure their pets. These uses directly expose people and pets to pesticides through dermal and possible inhalation exposures.
3.13 Fence Lines

- “Control Strategies will focus primarily on mechanical action.”
- Violation of Policy: Fence lines were sprayed.
3.15 Poles and Other Fixtures within Turf Areas

- “Control Strategies will focus primarily on mechanical control action.
- Policy Violation: A large area around a trashcan within feet of a playground was sprayed.
- See Exhibit 8: This trashcan is in a high traffic area often used by barefooted children playing in the sand.
3.18 Playgrounds

- “No registered pesticide will be used within a playground.”

- Policy Violation: The whole park is heavily used by children, Kidsports, and Eugene Parks and Recreation summer programs which makes the entire park a playground. The park has a wading pool, a sandy playground, two ball fields, soccer turf, a community center, and a tennis court.
Appendix B: “No Pesticide Zones”

Playgrounds

- “No pesticides will be applied within 25 feet of a playground.”

- Violation of Policy: Areas were sprayed that were within 10 feet of a playground.
Appendix B: “No Pesticide Zones” Wading Pools

- “No pesticide will be applied within 100 ft of a pool during the season when it is open to the public.”

- Policy Violation: Areas were sprayed with 30 feet of a wading pool.

- Even though the pool was not open when the pesticide was applied, there may still be residual chemicals in the area when the pool is open.
Appendix C

- “The contact number for the supervisor of the POS crew should be posted on the notification of spray.”
- Policy Violation: This number was not posted.
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- Blue marker dye will be used when spot spraying.
- Policy violation: This dye was not used.
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- “Signs will be posted around the perimeter of the area where the pesticide is applied in such a way as to assure that park patrons entering the area will see them.”

- Policy Violation: Only one neighbor of the many residents who use the park on a daily basis saw the posted signs, noting there were only two small signs. The signs were not placed in a manner to “assure park patrons entering the area will see them.”
Appendix D

- “Applications will be made when they are least likely to result in exposure to the public.”

- The person who did see the signs uses the park every morning to exercise their dogs. They stated that they were in the park when the pesticide applicator commenced spraying only 10 feet from where they were located. They weren’t given information, or a warning or asked to move. They felt that they and their dogs could have been exposed to drifting vapors from the spray.