

7/28/2023

Memo on Wilson's Pest Control

Timeline

On 7/27/2023, at around 2:15pm, Candace Bednar and I arrived at Wilson's Pest Control Inc. Upon arrival, we drove around the store to see if there was anything out of the ordinary. Then we observed the front of the building from the QT parking lot across the street. After Candace took photos from the parking lot and sidewalk outside the store, we entered the store where Candace greeted the woman behind the counter. The woman never disclosed her name. Candace explained that we were from the EPA, presented her credentials, and explained that we were there to conduct an inspection. The woman stated that she was in the middle of "testing" and would not have time for an inspection for the rest of the day. Candace then presented her credentials again and stated that the EPA had authority to conduct the inspection under section 12 of FIFRA. The woman asked us to wait outside the store while she called her attorney. We left the store to wait in the front entrance area. Candace called EPA attorney Britt Bieri. While on the phone, the woman came out to us and stated that she had reached her attorney, and they would be there in 10 minutes. Candace and I moved to the parking lot at the side of the building and continued to wait. At about 2:35pm, Mr. Wilson, the owner of the company, drove up. Candace greeted Mr. Wilson and explained that we were there to conduct a reinspection. The woman and Mr. Wilson were confused as to why EPA had not notified their attorney that we would be coming to conduct an inspection. They stated that due to the current litigation that they were in with the EPA, they would not authorize the inspection. Candace asked if they were able to get their attorney to come to the store sometime that day or the next morning. They stated that their attorney was in court that day and would not be available to the next day either. Candace explained that them denying the inspection could be a potential violation. They stated again that they did not want to say or do anything without their attorney present. As we were leaving the store, the woman stated that she would remove the pricing from the containers right then. Candace and I left the premises at around 2:50pm.

Observations

Driving: We were able to see that the store was open. The front door was propped open with an "OPEN" sign out front. Next to the store there were a few marked vehicles with "Wilson's Pest Control". Out back there was more parking and a dumpster. I did not observe anything out of the ordinary when driving around the building.

In the store: Because the woman at the desk did not let us stay inside the store, I was not able to observe the store's inventory for long. On the right side of the store, I observed bottles of pesticides on shelves on the wall. During the limited time I observed the bottles, I did not see any labels that seemed to have been placed on the bottles/repackaged by Mr. Wilson. On the left side of the store, there was about 6 display storage containers along the wall. On top of each container

the product name as well as the price was written. I believe the prices on the containers ranged from \$6-12.50. When looking into the containers, some of the bins contained Ziploc baggies with what appeared to have bait blocks in them. Based on how similar these blocks looked to photos taken of rodenticide on a previous inspection of Wilson's Pest Control, it appeared that the Ziplocs of bait blocks were the same rodenticide. Some of the Ziplocs had red blocks while others had green blocks. I also observed throw bags in one of the bins. After Candace had pointed out the containers when talking to me, the woman in the store explained that the contents of the containers were not for sale. The woman stated that they keep the rodenticide there for their technicians to take.