

FIFRA Site Memo
Wilson's Pest Control Inc.
2616 Woodson Road, Overland, Missouri
July 27, 2023

Summary:

On July 27, 2023, at approximately 2:15 pm I, Candace Bednar, and Amelia Patterson, went to Wilson's Pest Control Inc. located at 2616 Woodson Road, Overland, Missouri to perform a Market Place Inspection and evaluate compliance with the Stop, Sale, Use and Removal Order EPA Docket No: FIFRA-00-2022-0090. From the street, I took starting photographs of the outside of the store prior to entry. There was one box truck, two vans and one pickup truck with signage for "Wilson's Pest Control". The exterior entry door for the store was propped open with an "Open" sign indicating that the store was open for business.

We entered the store and I observed 5 to 6 bins of pesticides on the north wall of the store with clear tops similar to bulk grocery store bins. Each bin contained what appeared to be multiple rodenticide "throw packets" or clear zip top baggies containing rat and/or animal bait blocks. Each bin had a name and price printed label affixed to the top of the bin stating the price of the pesticide. The throw packs and bait blocks stocked in the store were similar in appearance to the throw packs and bait blocks that were observed during the June 15, 2022, FIFRA inspection of Wilson's Pest Control Inc. located at 2400 North Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri and which were placed under the Stop, Sale, Use and Removal Order EPA Docket No: FIFRA-00-2022-0090. With only a cursory review, based on color and appearance, there were red bait blocks in clear baggies similar to the red bait blocks previously identified as Final, green bait blocks in clear baggies, and throw packs similar to Contac. I observed that the pesticides were displayed and priced in a manner that indicated they were for sale to customers.

I introduced myself to the women behind the counter, presented my EPA inspection credential, and stated that I was there to perform a FIFRA inspection. She did not provide me her name. She stated that she could not do the inspection because she was in the middle of an online training. I asked her when the training would be completed, and she said that it was all day. I explained that I needed to perform the inspection and refusing the inspection could be a violation of Section 12 of FIFRA.

She stated that they had already been inspected and wanted to know why we did not contact them through their attorney. I stated that we do inspections and reinspections under FIFRA and do not provide prior notice. She stated that the items in the bins were not for sale and that they are for her technicians to come into the store when they are in the area to pick up to use. She then asked us to step outside of the store while she contacted her attorney. We complied with her request.

While Ms. Patterson and I were standing in the vestibule, I contacted Mr. Britt Bieri by telephone and discussed the denial of inspection. The lady in charge of the store then came outside while I was on the telephone to tell us that the attorney would be arriving in 10 minutes. Amelia and I moved from the vestibule to the northwest corner outside of the store to wait for the attorney.

Mr. Wilson, the owner of Wilson's Pest Control Inc., showed up shortly. We reentered the store with him. I again explained the purpose of my visit was to perform a FIFRA inspection. I presented my credentials and provided them a business card. I was unable to take time to observe the liquid pesticides

on display on the south wall of the store, but I noticed that one bottle had a colorful label that was not smoothly applied to the bottle. I was unable to observe the name of the pesticide. It did not appear to be one of the pesticides identified in the previous inspection at the other location. I again asked about the animal bait pesticides located in the bins on the north wall of the store and she stated that that they are for her technicians to come into the store when they are in the area to pick up to apply. She stated that she will take the pricing off the bins after we leave. Mr. Wilson stated that the attorney could not come to the store today because he was in court. I stated that denying the inspection could be a violation of FIFRA and offered to come back later or early the next morning. She stated that they would not do the inspection without their attorney. We left the premises.

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