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District of Columbia Department of Health **DITRAC Tracking Powder (Rodenticide) Cross-Contamination Prevention Policy**		**SOP 1422.000** Implementing Office: Environmental Health Administration Training Required: Yes Originally Issued: Revised/Reviewed: **(First Revision)**
Approved by: Ayanna Bennett, MD, MSPH, FAAP; Agency Director	**Review by Legal Counsel:** Elaine Block; General Counsel	**Effective Date:** AUG 2 0 2026 **Valid Through Date:** AUG 2 0 2029

I. Authority	The authority for this SOP is established under the District of Columbia Code (D.C. Official Code § 7-131 *et seq.*), the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (Title 22-B, Public Health and Medicine), and all applicable federal laws, including the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.*). The Environmental Health Administration (EHA) shall ensure that DITRAC Tracking Powder (DITRAC) operations comply with these statutes, CDC guidance on disease surveillance and control, and Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) standards, to protect public health and ensure environmental safety.
II. Reason/Purpose	The purpose of this SOP is to provide mandatory, step-by-step instructions for the controlled application of to standardize the safe, effective, and lawful application of DITRAC while minimizing the risk of accidental or unintentional exposure and preventing the transfer of rodenticide to non-target organisms. The procedures established by this SOP align with best practices for pesticide application and regulatory compliance.
III. Applicability	This SOP applies to all DC Health Rodent Inspectors who apply DITRAC to outdoor burrows for rodent control It also applies to managers responsible for training, recordkeeping, incident response, and compliance monitoring.
IV. Policy Statement	This policy is established to manage and control the risks associated with restricted-use DITRAC. Its primary purpose is to outline the

	mandatory procedures that will prevent off-target exposure of sensitive populations, including humans, pets, and wildlife, in accordance with applicable safety standards and environmental regulations.
V. Definitions & Acronyms	**DITRAC Tracking Powder:** a rodenticide powder applied to rodent burrows for the purpose of population control through extermination. The active ingredient in DITRAC is diphacinone, an anticoagulant rodenticide formulated as dust intended to adhere to rodents' fur and paws. **EPA-registered label:** The legally enforceable product label governing allowed uses, PPE, first aid, and disposal. **SDS:** Safety Data Sheet for DITRAC published by the manufacturer. **Burrow treatment:** Placement of DITRAC in active rodent burrows consistent with label directions. **HEPA:** High-Efficiency Particulate Air (filter or vacuum) used for fine particulate capture where appropriate.
VI. Procedures	**1.0 Pre-Application & Site Preparation** • **1.1 Certification Check**: Verify current rodent inspector training and authorization before handling the product. • **1.2 Label Review**: Review the current EPA product label and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) prior to every use. • **1.3 PPE Assembly**: Don required PPE specified on the label, including chemical-resistant gloves, protective clothing, and a NIOSH-approved respirator. • **1.4 Tool Inspection**: Assemble manual application tools, such as a hand duster. • **1.5 Power Restriction**: Do not use power dusting devices under any circumstances.

- **1.6 Environmental Protection**: Inspect the outdoor site to avoid and protect nearby food, feed, water, and sensitive non-target areas.
- **1.7 Response Kits**: Ensure a spill kit and waste disposal bags are on-site before application begins.

2.0 Application Process (Outdoor Burrows Only)

- **2.1 Manual Dosing**: Use a hand duster to apply approximately 1 ounce of DITRAC Tracking Powder directly into each active outdoor rodent burrow.
- **2.2 Burrow Sealing**: Immediately close and seal the treated burrow opening with soil, loose leaves, or paper to prevent wind spillage.
- **2.3 Drift Prevention**: Minimize air currents during application and immediately clean up any visible dust outside the target burrow zone.

3.0 Post-Application Monitoring & Maintenance

- **3.1 Reopened Burrows**: Reinspect treated areas daily and repeat the application process if burrows are reopened by rodents.
- **3.2 Maintenance Period**: Maintain treatments for at least 20 days, replenishing the powder based on inspector observations.
- **3.3 Final Cleanup**: Retrieve and properly dispose of all unused or contaminated powder after the treatment period concludes.

4.0 Spill Response & First Aid

- **4.1 Spill Containment**: Isolate the area, stop application, don PPE, and gently sweep or HEPA-vacuum spilled powder into a sealed container.
- **4.2 Exposure Protocol**: Follow EPA label first-aid directions immediately, contact Poison Control, and seek medical evaluation.

	• **4.3 Incident Reporting**: Notify a supervisor within one business day and complete a formal DC Health incident report. **5.0 Waste Management & Decontamination** • **5.1 Product Disposal**: Dispose of unused product, empty containers, and contaminated materials strictly per EPA label and District regulations. • **5.2 Container Reuse**: Never reuse empty chemical containers for any purpose. • **5.3 Tool Care**: Decontaminate application tools on-site to prevent off-site chemical transfer. • **5.4 PPE Laundry**: Wash reusable PPE separately from standard clothing according to manufacturer instructions. **6.0 Documentation & Recordkeeping** • **6.1 Program Log**: Record every application in the program log immediately following the procedure. • **6.2 Required Details**: Include date, time, specific location, product lot number, amount used, applicator name, and PPE utilized. • **6.3 Follow-up Logs**: Document all follow-up dates, burrow statuses, carcass collections, and final close-out data. • **6.4 Record Retention**: Store and retain all completed logs in accordance with DC Health retention schedules. 4. **Staff Training and Monitoring** (*see DOH's Rodent/Vector Control DITRAC & Rodenticide Training Plan*)
VII. Contacts	**Program Manager**
VIII. Related Documents, Forms and Tools	DOH's Rodent/Vector Control DITRAC & Rodenticide Training Plan