

Use of Dye Marker on Borate Preconstruction Applications

As you are aware, applications of borates during the construction of a home requires treating all wood that termites are likely to encounter as they enter a structure. This is designed to establish a barrier of treated wood making the remaining parts of the structure unavailable to termites. Rule 620-6-.04(2)(b)5. states, in part, "Unless prohibited by the product's label directions, all applications of liquid pesticide applied to the surface of non-decorative or non-finished wood and/or sheathing shall include a sufficient amount of a dye or marker to readily indicate the areas that have been treated".

This requirement was put in place by the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission to assist the applicator in identifying the areas that have been treated and to assist the Department of Agriculture in determining compliance with the label and labeling requirements.

Some PMP's have asked if a Form II can be used to bypass the dye marker requirement. Please be advised that a Form II can only be used for the specific items that are listed on the Form II. The dye marker requirement is not an item that is addressed by the Form II and accordingly the requirement of Rule 620-6-.04(2)(b)5. cannot be waived.

If the builder does not want the dye marker placed on the structure, another treatment option, such as soil treatment or installation of a baiting system can be utilized.

Additional information about the Form II and its use may be found in this section of the Commission's website.