The New York City Pesticide Use Reporting System (NYCPURS) is a web-based database application designed to record, track and report pesticide use. This system enables city agencies and their contractors to comply with the pesticide reporting requirements of New York City's Local Law 37 of 2005. It can also be used by New York State licensed applicators to maintain records of pesticide use on private property, and to comply with New York State's pesticide use reporting requirements. Below are answers to some frequently asked questions about NYCPURS.

What does NYCPURS offer?

NYCPURS enables applicators, contractors and agencies to comply with all aspects of local and state reporting regulations. There are many other advantages of electronic data over paper records. By entering these data into an electronic database, pesticide applicators can improve the quality of their reports and track the quantity and types of products they use on a daily, weekly, monthly or annual basis. City agencies will be able to track and report their employees and their contractors pesticide use for inventory control, activity verification and local law compliance.

Don't applicators already report their pesticide use to New York State?

Yes, each year, paper or electronic records of these applications must be provided to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). But many applicators do not report their data electronically, and struggle with the volumes of paper records at the end of each year that must be checked, copied, and mailed. All data entered into NYCPURS are fully compliant with the DEC's reporting requirements. NYCPURS produces reports that can be directly submitted to DEC by the licensed applicators.

What pesticide use records does Local Law 37 require to be kept and reported?

The data required to be kept by Local Law 37 and the New York State program are largely the same. Both require record keeping of: the date, place and address of each pesticide application; the name, EPA registration number, quantity and dosage rate of the pesticide used; the target organism, and the method of application. But Local Law 37 also requires two additional items: the name of the active ingredient of the pesticide product, and certification that 24 hour prior notice was provided to affected parties on City owned or leased property. For more information, visit: www.nyc.gov/health/LL37. Unlike the state's Pesticide Reporting Law, (see http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27506.html) which only requires that some data points be reported to the DEC, while others are kept as daily use records by the applicator, all of the data points required by Local Law 37 must be reported to the city.

Does NYCPURS track the additional requirements of Local Law 37?

Yes. NYCPURS automatically records active ingredients required by Local Law 37 based on the EPA registration number and product name. Users do not have to know, or record the active ingredients themselves. NYCPURS also allows applicators to check off whether prior notification was provided to occupants of property owned or leased by New York City.

What do I need to be able to use NYCPURS?

To use NYCPURS, all you need is a computer, an internet connection, an email address and an internet browser such as Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, or Safari.

Can NYCPURS handle pesticide use data for both New York City owned property and privately owned property?

Yes. NYCPURS allows the entry of data for pesticide applications done on both publicly and privately owned property. An applicator who is employed by New York City and who also does consulting can use NYCPURS to keep track of both types of applications. An applicator who works for a contractor applying pesticides on City property as well as private property can also use NYCPURS to track both types of applications.

Does NYCPURS make it easy to enter multiple visits to one location, using the same product?

Yes. Previously used products will be stored in the search window to allow quick selection of frequently used products. You can also select previous applications to use as a template to enter multiple applications at the same location.

What other features does NYCPURS offer?

NYCPURS offers a range of useful features that minimize the amount of time and effort necessary to enter pesticide applications. These include:
- Automatic lookup and entry of pesticide product names based on EPA registration numbers.
- Lists of the applicators commonly used products, allowing quick selection of frequently used products.
- The ability to use a previous application as a template for a new entry, retaining product, quantity and location.
- Rapid sorting and searching of prior entries by location, product, date, target organism and other information.
- Reporting of applications for each applicator by product, enabling you to closely track employee productivity.
- Importing of application data stored in other electronic formats.

Can a pest control applicator assign someone else to enter the data?

Yes. Once an applicator is registered to use the NYCPURS system, someone else may enter data on his or her behalf, but only if that applicator grants that permission to someone with administrative responsibilities in their company or agency.

What reports does NYCPURS offer?

NYCPURS enables authorized personnel from New York City agencies to generate reports to the New York City Council and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH). In addition to the mandated reporting, users can create a report of all their applications. NYCPURS offers advanced reporting features including flexible tools for creating personalized reports of pesticide application data that are filtered and grouped in any combination needed. The Department of Health regards NYCPURS as a partnership, and is open to suggestions by users about reports that will be useful for them, their companies and their agencies.

How does NYCPURS produce annual reports to DEC?

NYCPURS can create a formatted text file of specified pesticide applications to send via e-mail to DEC. This format is fully compliant with DEC specifications. To do this, an applicator must generate a report, save it to a computer, and then email it, using their own email account, to DEC. The applicator controls this flow of information. No information will ever be sent directly by NYCPURS to DEC.

What will the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene do with the data that is entered?

NYCPURS data is maintained within a secure NYC DOHMH environment. The NYC DOHMH will use the data to ensure compliance with Local Law 37 requirements, including reporting to the New York City Council. Any information about applications on property <u>not</u> owned or leased by New York City will be stored, but will not be accessed by New York City.

How can I sign up to use NYCPURS?

A licensed pesticide applicator or contractor can go to the website at http://www.nyc.gov/health/NYCPURS and register to use NYCPURS. City agencies should email nycpurs@health.nyc.gov to request that an administrative account be set up on NYCPURS. Instructions will then be sent to your email address with a password to access the system. For more information, please call the Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy at the NYC Department of Health, at 212-788-1219.