



City of Santa Barbara

Airport Department

Memorandum

DATE: March 5, 2014

TO: IPM Advisory Committee

FROM: Hazel Johns, Acting Airport Director 

SUBJECT: Airport IPM Exemption Request - Fumitoxin

The Airport Department is requesting exemption from the IPM strategy for application of Fumitoxin on the airfield. Because Fumitoxin has been identified as a hazard category I, signal word "Danger," product by EPA an exemption is required for use of this Tier I product.

The Airport is proposing to use Fumitoxin to eradicate gophers that are damaging runway safety areas and attracting predators. The proposed action will allow the airfield, which is inside a fenced "Restricted Access" area, to be maintained to standards that protect passengers in the event that an aircraft leaves a runway or taxiway during an emergency. Additionally eradication of these pests reduces the number of predators (birds and land animals) that will be attracted to these areas, whereby reducing the threat of collision between animal and aircraft. A more detailed discussion of this proposal is attached.