



City of Santa Barbara
Airport Department

Memorandum

DATE: April 6, 2016
TO: IPM Advisory Committee
FROM: Hazel Johns, Airport Director *HJ*
SUBJECT: Airport IPM Exemption Request - Fumitoxin

The Airport Department is requesting a retroactive 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.

During the week of January 18, 2016, emergency approval was granted to apply the material. Approval was requested due to the presence of high soil moisture and low vegetative cover. High soil moisture is required to activate the product and vegetative cover makes identifying active burrows more difficult.

The Airport used Fumitoxin to eradicate gophers that were damaging runway safety areas and attracting predators. The exemption allowed 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.