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This edition of NFPA 434, *Code for the Storage of Pesticides*, was prepared by the Technical Committee on Hazardous Chemicals and acted on by NFPA at its May Association Technical Meeting held May 19–23, 2002, in Minneapolis, MN. It was issued by the Standards Council on July 19, 2002, with an effective date of August 8, 2002, and supersedes all previous editions.

This edition of NFPA 434 was approved as an American National Standard on July 19, 2002.

**Origin and Development of NFPA 434**

At the 1974 NFPA Annual Meeting, the Sectional Committee on Storage, Handling, and Transportation of Hazardous Chemicals obtained tentative adoption of this code. As a tentative NFPA document, it was circulated for review and comment. Based on the comments received, the tentative code was revised and preprinted in the 1975 NFPA Fall Meeting Technical Committee Report and was again subject to public review and comment. The comments received were considered by the Sectional Committee, and their actions were published in the 1975 NFPA Fall Meeting Technical Committee Documentation.

The first edition of NFPA 43D was officially adopted by the Association at its 1975 Fall Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, on November 19, 1975. It contained those requirements that the Sectional Committee believed to be essential for the safe storage of pesticides in portable containers. It was processed in accordance with the NFPA Regulations Governing Technical Committees.

Minor amendments were adopted at the 1980 NFPA Fall Meeting and at the 1984 NFPA Fall Meeting.

The 1994 edition of NFPA 43D was a complete revision; the title of the code was changed from *Code for the Storage of Pesticides in Portable Containers* to *Code for the Storage of Pesticides*. The document was completely revised to update the requirements for safe handling, fire prevention, and storage provisions for restricted-use pesticides. Restricted-use pesticides are those pesticides that are required by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to bear the human signal word “Danger” or those pesticides that, when evaluated by NFPA 704, *Standard System for the Identification of the Hazards of Materials for Emergency Response*, are determined to have health hazard ratings of “3” or “4.”

The NFPA Committee on Hazardous Chemicals completely revised the 1994 edition to make it compatible with industry practices and other industry standards and to incorporate regulatory provisions that have changed since the previous edition of the code.

The 1998 edition included a change to the numbering of the document from NFPA 43D to NFPA 434. It also added a new Annex B, which is a listing of typical pesticides.

The 2002 edition has been changed to NFPA’s *Manual of Style* requirements. The most significant part of this change has been the reordering of chapters.