

Termiticide Efficacy Rule – Protocol Review Process

Protocol Review Process for Efficacy Tests of Termiticides for Preventive Treatment for New Construction

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The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) shall review proposed protocols for testing of pesticides proposed for registration as a preventive treatment for new construction for subterranean termites using the following standards:

1. Research and data collection for field plot tests and building tests shall be directed by one of the following:
 - a. Researchers who are employees of United States Department of Agriculture/Forest Service; or,
 - b. Researchers who have a graduate degree in entomology or other biological sciences.
2. Research and data collection for field plot tests and building tests shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the rule 5E-2.0311.
3. Research and data collection for field plot tests and building tests shall be conducted using one of the following quality assurance measures:
 - a. Good Laboratory Practice Standards (40 CFR Part 160); or,
 - b. United States Environmental Protection Agency approved Quality Assurance Program; or,
 - c. DACS approved quality assurance plan that contains the following elements:
 - i. Raw data collected in a manner that allows archiving and independent review.
 - ii. Name and affiliation of all raw data collectors and data compilers.
 - iii. Signed statement from lead researcher that all data collected and reported is valid and accurate
4. Field plot tests and building tests must be a scientifically valid test of the effect of the pesticide tested