

Study Authorization and Approval

Chapter 2: PROTOCOLS
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1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 1.1 This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlines how an Agricultural Handlers Exposure Task Force (AHETF) study is authorized and approved. Studies conducted internally or by contract test facilities are addressed in this SOP.

2.0 AUTHORIZATION

- 2.1 The need for a study is dictated by international, federal ^{and}/or state registration or re-registration requirements for information on the potential worker exposure to pesticides, in conjunction with AHETF assessment of the importance and representativeness of the work task, and any existing data. All AHETF studies performed must be authorized by AHETF management.
- 2.2 The designated Study Director will be notified (either verbally or in writing) by the AHETF management of a proposed study. The Study Director or designee will be responsible for the preparation of the study protocol, to be submitted to the AHETF for review.

3.0 STUDY NUMBER ASSIGNMENT

- 3.1 Once an AHETF study has been proposed, a unique study number is assigned by the AHETF Task Force Manager.

4.0 STUDY APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE

- 4.1 Each AHETF study will have a protocol approved by the Study Director and Sponsor Management (*i.e.*, Task Force Manager or Technical Committee Chair) in the form of a dated signature.
- 4.2 Each protocol will be acknowledged, in writing, by the AHETF Study Monitors (field and analytical). This acknowledgement may be completed after the protocol has been approved by the Study Director