

Adverse Experience Reporting Program (AERP): Definitions

Adverse experience (including serious and minor)

An adverse experience is an unintended or unexpected effect (deleterious) on plants, plant products, animals, human beings or the environment, including injury, sensitivity reactions or lack of efficacy associated with the use of an agricultural chemical product¹ when used according to label directions².

The following definitions outline what constitutes "serious", "minor" and "urgent" adverse experiences.

Serious adverse experience

A serious adverse experience is one that involves:

- widespread and significant crop and plant damage (eg crop death, severe stunting or significant yield loss), life-threatening or other significant effects in a human, including death, farm, domestic and native animal deaths, significant environmental damage, including fish kills and water quality issues.

Minor adverse experience

A minor adverse experience is one that involves:

- crop and plant damage that is not widespread or significant (eg minor wilting or yellowing of crops, minor yield loss), human health effects that require medical attention, but are not life-threatening, injury to domestic and native animals that require veterinary attention, minor environmental damage.

Urgent matters

Urgent matters include serious adverse experiences that involve acute effects.

¹ The term 'agricultural chemical product' includes all pesticides and household insecticides and pesticides.

² Or, 'when a product is believed to have been used in accordance with the label', this also includes APVMA Permit directions.