##

**Option A User Guide**



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Overview

The Option A PRL eForm program is an application designed to assist you in electronically recording [Pesticide Reporting Law](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) (PRL) information and reporting it to the [NYS Department of Environmental Conservation](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27506.html). Each time you run the program you are asked to enter or verify some basic contact information. You can then view and fill out electronic forms that are similar to the four paper forms used to report pesticide usage and sales.

New in version 6.1 Option A replaces the file validation capability that used to reside in Option C. You can now check whether ASCII text files that you (or a third-party program) have created conform to the the NYSDEC guidelines using Option A. The required file formats are described in the [Text File Specifications](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Text%2BFile%2BSpecifications).

Option A runs under Microsoft Windows®.

After you [download](http://www.nysprl.com/ClientSoftware.htm) the Option A installation file, see the [PRL Software Installation Guide](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/PRL%2BSoftware%2BInstallation%2BGuide) to help you install the software on your computer.

If you need further assistance, [contact](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Contact%2BUs#ContactUs-ServiceBureau) the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ServiceBureau).

Getting Started

There are a couple of ways[1](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Notes) to open up the main window:

* Double-click the "**PRL Option A**" shortcut on your computer’s desktop.
* Click on the Windows **Start** button and navigate to **Programs** -> **Pesticide Reporting** -> **PRL Option A**. Windows 8 users will have a "**PRL Option A**" icon on their **Start Screen**.

A message box saying something like “Data directory created called 'C:\PRL2011'.” may appear. This is normal. The [data directory](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder) is the location to which your data files will be written. The [Control Center](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) then opens.

Figure 1 Control Center

Entering Contact and Identity Information

Use the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) to tell us who to contact when we communicate with you about your report. Please fill out all three fields under **Pesticide Reporting Contact** **Person**.You also need to provide identification information, so that we can associate your report with the correct applicator(s) or organization.

Are you in the pesticide application or sales business?

Pesticide application businesses should submit

* a[**certification ID**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber),
* the **Applicator Name** associated with the [**certification ID**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber),
* optionally, a [**business registration** **number**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-BusinessRegistrationNumber), and
* optionally, the **Business Name**.

Pesticide applicators should submit

* a [**certification ID**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber), and
* the **Applicator Name** associated with the [**certification ID**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber)**.**

Pesticide sales businesses should submit

* a [**commercial permit number**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee),
* the **Business Name**,
* optionally, a [**certification ID**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber), and
* optionally, the **Applicator Name** associated with the [**certification ID**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber)**.**

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| **Multiple Applicators or Sales Permits**If your organization employs [multiple applicators](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Reporting%2Bfor%2BMultiple%2BApplicators), just choose one of them to enter in this form.If your business has more than one [business registration number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-BusinessRegistrationNumber), enter the one for the main business office. You may — but are not required to — submit the other [business registration numbers](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-BusinessRegistrationNumber) using a [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A). See this [FAQ](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=1802356) for more information.If your business has more than one [commercial permit number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee), you may enter one number here and provide separate [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25)s or [Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27)s for each [commercial permit number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee). The header areas of both forms have a [commercial permit number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee) field, which is editable. You may also send us separate reports for each [commercial permit number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee).See the [Multiple Applicators](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Reporting%2Bfor%2BMultiple%2BApplicators) section for more information. |

Decide Which Forms to Use

If you have [multiple applicators](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Reporting%2Bfor%2BMultiple%2BApplicators) to include on your report, we recommend using a [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A) to enter their information. The pesticide applications they made should be entered on a [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26). If any of the applicators that you are reporting for made any applications during the report year, you should submit a [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26).

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| You may enter all your applications in one file even if they were made by multiple applicators; we do not need a separate report for each applicator. |

If you are reporting for a pesticide sales business and you sell restricted use pesticides, use [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25). If you sell pesticides to private applicators, we will need a [Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27). If you have a [commercial permit number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee), you must submit either a [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25) or a [Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27) or both.

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| Be sure to include applicators who [did not make applications](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Reporting%2BNo%2BApplications%2Bor%2BSales) on your report and applicators who left your organization during the report year. If your organization is a pesticide sales business, you must file a report even if you [did not make any sales](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Reporting%2BNo%2BApplications%2Bor%2BSales) during the report year. |

You can report two different types of sales on [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25); report either sales to another [commercial permit holder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee) who will resell the products or sales to [commercial applicators](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialApplicator) for their end use. In Options A and B there are a set of radio buttons in the [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25) header where you can specify the sales type. Options D and O have drop down lists for specifying the sales type. If you have both types of sales to report, please send us a separate form for each type. However you do notneed to complete a form for the type of sales you did not make (but you still need to report even if you [did not make any sales](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Reporting%2BNo%2BApplications%2Bor%2BSales)).

Opening up a Form

When you have decided which form(s) to use, click the corresponding radio button in the **Report Forms** area. Do you want to start a new file or add to an existing one? To start a new file, click on the **Blank Form** button. For an existing file, click the **Existing Form** button. This will open up a dialog in which you can choose the file you want.

Validating Files

Option A is also designed to validate ASCII text files that were created using other software applications. For step-by-step instructions on using Option A to validate your files, see [text file validation steps](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Step-by-Step%2BText%2BFile%2BValidation%2BInstructions).

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| As of version 6.1 Option C has been incorporated into Option A and discontinued. |

More Control Center Functions

There are [several buttons and menu items](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/More%2BControl%2BCenter%2BFunctions) available on the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) that can help you prepare and submit your [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) report.

### Change Report Year

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| **Changing the Report Year****Background**The current [report year](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportYear) is prominently displayed near the top of the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) and on each of the forms. If you are entering data for a different [report year](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportYear), you can change the year.1. To do this, either click the **Change Year** button on the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) or choose the **Change Year** menu item on the **Tools** menu.

Figure 2 Change Report Year1. Select the new year and click **OK**.

**Results*** If the PRL*yyyy* subfolder (where "*yyyy*" = four-digit [report year](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportYear)) does not yet exist for the current report year, it is created.
* If the [*identity.txt*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Identity) file already exists in the [report year folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder), it is opened and the contents loaded into the contact and information boxes of the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter).
* if the [*identity.txt*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Identity) file does not exist, the contact and identity entries from the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) are saved to a new file.
* Report files are *not* automatically moved from the previous [report year folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder) to the newly selected one.

**Keystroke Shortcuts*** Menu Item: Alt-T, Y
* Button: Alt-Y
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### Change the Report Root

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| **Change Report Root****Background**Why change the [report root folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportRoot)? You will probably not need to change the folder from whatever choice you made during installation. However, if you need to enter [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) reports for more than one business (*e.g.*, if you complete [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) reports for several clients), you might find it convenient to create a separate folder for each business. This approach will help you to keep the identity information and report files for each business separate.1. Select the **Change Report Root** item on the **Tools** menu.
2. A standard Windows dialog opens to let you select an existing folder or create a new one.
3. Click **OK** when you are finished.

**Results*** If the PRL*yyyy* subfolder (where "*yyyy*" = four-digit [report year](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportYear)) does not yet exist for the current report year, it is created.
* If the [*identity.txt*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Identity) file already exists in the [report year folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder), it is opened and the contents loaded into the contact and information boxes of the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter).
* If the [*identity.txt*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Identity) file does not exist, the contact and identity entries from the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) are saved to a new file.
* Report files are *not* automatically moved from the previous [report year folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder) to the newly selected one.

**Keystroke Shortcuts*** Menu Item: Alt-T, R
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### Save Identity

Saves the contact and identity information on the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) to the [*identity.txt*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Identity) file in the [report year folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder). Contact and identity information is automatically saved when you exit the program, open a [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) Form, or initiate an [upload of your report](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Upload%2BYour%2BReport), but this menu option lets you save the identity information whenever you want.

-> Menu Item: **File** –> **Save** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-F, S)

### Edit Product List

The [EPA Product List](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/EPA%2BRegistration%2BNumber%2BList) is a list of pesticide products ([EPA Registration Numbers](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-EPARegistrationNumber) and [Product Names](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ProductName)) that you use frequently when preparing [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) reports. This command opens a dialog box with which you can create or edit your **Product List**. You can also open the [EPA Product List](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/EPA%2BRegistration%2BNumber%2BList) dialog from Forms [25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25), [26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) and [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27). See [EPA Registration Number List](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/EPA%2BRegistration%2BNumber%2BList) for more information.

-> Menu Item: **Tools** -> **Edit Product List** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-T, E)

### Upload Report

The [Upload Report to NYSDEC](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Upload%2BYour%2BReport) menu item/button enables you to submit your report to us when you have completed it. See the [Upload Report to NYSDEC](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Upload%2BYour%2BReport) section for more information.

-> Menu Item: **Tools** -> **Upload Report** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-T, U)

-> Button: **Upload Report** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-U)

### Background Color

Enables you to change the background color of the application's windows.

-> Menu Item: **Tools** -> **Background Color** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-T, B)

### Help

The Help menu on the [Control Center](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) gives you access to several documents.

* **How to Submit Files to DEC** — opens a set of [detailed instructions](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Submitting%2BYour%2BElectronic%2BReport) on submitting your report.
* **User Guide** — opens *this* guide.
* **File Format Guidelines** — [text file specifications](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Text%2BFile%2BSpecifications)
* **About** — open a simple dialog box with information about the software version you are running.

### Show Instructions

This button displays a brief set of instructions for filling out the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) fields.

### Exit

Exits the program.

* Menu Item: **File** -> **Exit** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-F, X)
* Button: **Exit** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-X)
* Close window button (top right corner of the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter))
* Windows menu (click the icon in the left corner of the title bar) – Close Window

**Results**

* If there is no missing or invalid contact or identity information, the entries are saved to the [identity file](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Identity) in the current [report folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder).
* If contact or identity information is missing or invalid, you will be given a choice to correct the deficiencies or exit without saving.

Report Forms

The [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) report forms are where you will enter the data that you need to report to the NYSDEC. Each form is used to report [a particular type of pesticide-related activity](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Decide%2BWhich%2BForms%2Bto%2BUse).

Figure 3 Form 26

Figure 4 Form 26A

Figure 5 Form 27

Figure 6 Form 25

Identity Fields

The identity fields in the header area of each form are filled with the values you entered on the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter). With the exception of the [commercial permit number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialPermitNumber), these fields are not editable.

The [commercial permit number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialPermitNumber) field is editable so that you can report for multiple [commercial permittees](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee) in one report submission. Changes to the [commercial permit number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialPermitNumber) field on Form [25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25) or [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27) do not update the field on the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter).

[Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A) also includes a [business registration number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-BusinessRegistrationNumber) column. If your pesticide business has more than one [business registration number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-BusinessRegistrationNumber), you *may* but are not *required to* include all of your business’s registration numbers on the [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A).

Reporting No Activity

On each of the forms you can indicate that there was [no reportable activity](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Reporting%2BNo%2BApplications%2Bor%2BSales) for the report year. See [Reporting No Applications or Sales](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Reporting%2BNo%2BApplications%2Bor%2BSales) for more information.

Data Entry Grid

Below the header area of each form is a data entry grid. If you have applications or sales to report, enter each pesticide application or sales record in its own row in the grid. Although the forms open with a limited number of rows, additional rows will be added to the grid as needed.

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| On Form [25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25), [26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26), and [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27) the data entry grid is hidden if you have indicated that you have [No Applications (or No Sales)](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Reporting%2BNo%2BApplications%2Bor%2BSales) to report. |

You can use the arrow keys, tab keys, Enter key, or mouse to move from one cell in the grid to another.

If you hover over a cell with your mouse, a tool tip containing a data description for that cell will display. Additional information about the fields on each form is available from the [Data Dictionary](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary).

Cells are [validated](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Validation) as you move the insertion point to the next cell. While it is possible to save and submit your files without correcting validation errors, the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ServiceBureau) may reject or return reports because of invalid data.

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| **Please Note**Ditto marks or use of the words "ditto", "same", or similar entries are not accepted by the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ServiceBureau). Instead, you can use the [EPA Reg Number List](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/EPA%2BRegistration%2BNumber%2BList). or copy and paste as a convenient way to enter the same information repeatedly. |

Report Form Menus and Controls

The forms have a set of [menus and controls](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Report%2BForm%2BMenus%2Band%2BControls) designed to assist you in creating your [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) report.

### Show Row Numbers

Check the **Show Row Numbers** box to show row numbers in the data entry grid. Row numbers are not saved as part of the data file, but they can provide a useful guide while you are entering [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) data. You can also click on a row number to select the entire row for a **Copy**/**Paste** operation.

### County Code Popup Window

The County Code Popup can be opened by clicking the yellow button at the top of the data entry grid in Forms [26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) and [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27). See [County Code Popup](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/County%2BCode%2BPopup) for more information.

### Edit EPA Registration Number List

This button opens a dialog box with which you can create or edit a list of pesticide products ([EPA Registration Numbers](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-EPARegistrationNumber) and [Product Names](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ProductName)) that you use frequently. See [EPA Registration Number List](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/EPA%2BRegistration%2BNumber%2BList) for more information.

### Save and Save As

Use these menu items to save the report file. See [File Saving](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/File%2BSaving) for more information.

* Menu Item: **File** -> **Save** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-F, S)
* Menu Item: **File** -> **Save As** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-F, A)

### Print and Print Selection

Prints the PRL data form or a selected region from the data entry grid.

1. Choose the **Print** or **Print Selection** menu item on the **File** menu (or use the keystroke shortcut).
2. A **Print Preview** window opens, showing you the expected printout. Click the **Print** button.
3. A standard Windows Print dialog lets you select a printer and change print properties as needed.
4. Click **OK** to print.

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| **Important**You will be reminded before printing that the printout is intended for your own records only. Please do not submit the printed copy as your [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) report. |

* Menu Item: **File** -> **Print** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-F, P)
* Menu Item: **File** -> **Print Selection**

### Edit Functions

Use these functions to cut, copy, delete, insert and paste data within the form and to and from other applications. See [Editing Functions](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Editing%2BFunctions) for more information.

### Validate

Using the **Validate** menu item, you can check the form for errors at any time. See [Validation](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Validation) for more information.

* Menu Item: **Validate** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-V)

### Help

The Help menu provides access to several documentation files:

* **User Guide** — opens this [*User Guide*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Option%2BA%2BUser%2BGuide).
* **How to Submit Files to DEC** — opens a set of [detailed instructions](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Submitting%2BYour%2BElectronic%2BReport) on submitting your report to the DEC.
* **County Code Popup Options Help** — Instructions for using the [County Code Popup](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/County%2BCode%2BPopup) (Forms [26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) and [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27) only)
* - Menu Item: **Help** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-H)

### Close

Closes the form. If the form has changed since it was last saved, you will be given an opportunity to **Save** before closing. When the form closes, you are taken back to the Option A [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter).

* Menu Item: **File** -> **Close** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-F, C)
* Close window button (upper right corner of form’s title bar)
* Right-click form icon in the title bar: **Close** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-F4)

Record Layouts

See the [Data Dictionary](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary) in the Appendix for more information.

**Form 26**

Reporting Columns - For each product in each pesticide application, report these fields using [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26). All columns are required except for the **End Date**.

1. [EPA Registration Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-EPARegistrationNumber)

2. [Product Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ProductName)

3. [Quantity](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-QuantityApplied)

4. [Units of Measure](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-UnitsorContainerSizeUnits)

5. [Application Date](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Date%28s%29)

6. [End Date](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Date%28s%29)

7. [County Code](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-CountyCode)

8. [Address](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Address)

9. [Municipality](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Municipality)

10. [Zip Code](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ZipCode)

Record Keeping Columns - These columns are optional; you may use them to fulfill the record keeping requirements of the [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL).

11. [Dosage Rate](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-DosageRate)

12. [Method of Application](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-MethodofApplication)

13. [Target Organism(s)](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-TargetOrganism%28s%29)

14. [Place of Application](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-PlaceofApplication)

**Form 26A**

For each [commercial applicator](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialApplicator), [technician](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Technician) and [anti-fouling applicator](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Anti-foulingApplicator) report these fields using [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A). All columns are usually required (non-registered businesses making pesticide applications (such as a golf course, cemetery, greenhouse, etc*.*) may omit the [Business Registration Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-BusinessRegistrationNumber)).

1. [Certification ID Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-CertificationIDNumber)

2. [Business Registration Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-BusinessRegistrationNumber)

3. [Applicator First Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ApplicatorFirstName)

4. [Applicator Last Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ApplicatorLastName)

5. [Applications Indicator](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ApplicationsIndicator)

**Form 27**

For each sale of [restricted use pesticides](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) or [general use](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) agricultural pesticides to [certified private applicators](#scroll-bookmark-39), report these fields using [Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27). All columns are required.

1. [EPA Registration Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-EPARegistrationNumber)

2. [Product Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ProductName)

3. [Quantity](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-QuantityApplied)

4. [Units of Measure](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-UnitsorContainerSizeUnits)

5. [Application Date](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Date%28s%29)

6. [County Code](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-CountyCode)

7. [Address](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Address)

8. [Municipality](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Municipality)

9. [Zip Code](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ZipCode)

**Form 25**

For each container size of each [restricted use pesticide](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) sold to New York purchasers, report these fields using [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25). All columns are required.

1. [EPA Registration Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-EPARegistrationNumber)

2. [Product Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ProductName)

3. [Container Size Quantity](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ContainerSizeQuantity)

4. [Container Size Units](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ContainerSizeUnits)

5. [Containers Sold](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ContainersSold)

A Closer View

Reporting for Multiple Applicators

If your business employs multiple applicators, you can submit a single report on behalf of all of the applicators employed by your business during the report year. There are there methods of doing this.

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| Unless all of the applicators on whose behalf you are reporting made no pesticide applications during the report year, you must include at least one [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) regardless of which of the three methods you use. |

### Compatibility

[Option A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Option%2BA%2BUser%2BGuide): Methods 1, 2

[Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OB61/Option%2BB%2BUser%2BGuide): Methods 1, 3

### Method 1 - Recommended

1. Enter the name and [certification number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber) of one applicator on the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter).

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| It does not matter which of your business’s applicators you enter on the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter); however, if your company has one applicator with primary supervisory responsibility over other applicators, that applicator would be a reasonable choice. |

1. Fill out or create a [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A) listing **all** applicators employed by your business during the report year, whether or not they made any pesticide applications.
2. Fill out or create a [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) for **all** reportable pesticide applications made by all your applicators.

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| The information on the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) does not need to be changed to report for multiple applicators. Normally, when you open a blank [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26), the [certification number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber) on the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) is copied to the new [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26). This is acceptable, even though the applicator shown might not have personally performed all (or even any) of the pesticide applications reported or supervised the making of those applications. |

### Method 2

Although it is not required by the DEC, you may maintain a separate [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) for each applicator entered on [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A).

1. On the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) check the box labeled “Check here if you wish to maintain separate application files …”.
2. A list of the applicators from your [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A) will be shown (see Multiple Applicators image).
3. Select one of the applicators. The name and [certification ID](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber) of the applicator you select will be written to the header area of the empty Form 26.

Figure 7 Multiple Applicators


### Method 3

If you are using [Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OB61/Option%2BB%2BUser%2BGuide), you can create separate [Form 26s](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) for each applicator:

1. Enter the name and [certification number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber) of one applicator on the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter).
2. Create a separate [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) for each applicator.
3. Change the [certification number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-CertificationIDNumber) and [applicator name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ApplicatorFirstName) in the header of each [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26).
4. Saving the form will save the name and ID of the applicator with that [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) file.

No Applications or Sales

All applicators, even if they did not make applications, must be included on a [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) report. [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A) has a column to record whether the applicator made applications. If you are reporting for a single applicator who did not make applications, use the **No Commercial Applications Were Made This Year** check box (a drop down list in Options D and O) in the header area of [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) or [submit your report on our web site.](http://prl.psur.cornell.edu/WebUpload.aspx?activity=false)

All [commercial sales organizations](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee) must include each of their [commercial permit numbers](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialPermitNumber) on a [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) report, even if they did not make any pesticide sales during the year. [Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27) includes a check box or a drop down list in the form header with which you can indicate that no sales were made during the year. [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25) includes a set of radio buttons or a drop down list that has the **No Sales Were Made This Year** item selected by default.

EPA Registration Number List

### Editing the List

The **EPA Registration Number List** simplifies the data entry of products that are used multiple times.

When you open one of the pesticide sales or application forms (Forms [25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25), [26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) and [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27)) you will see the list in the upper right corner of the form. Open up the list by clicking the **Edit** button on one of the forms or choosing the **Edit Product List** item on the **Tools** menu of the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter). In [Option A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) you can also open the edit window by choosing the **Edit List** item from the **Product List** menu.

Figure 8 Product List Dialog

On the **Product List** that opens up, add products by

1. clicking **Add**,
2. typing the [**EPA Registration Number**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-EPARegistrationNumber) and the [**Product Name**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ProductName) in the window that opens up, and
3. clicking **OK** to save. (see **Temporary or Permanent Changes?** for more information)

#### Other EPA List Functions

* Edit an existing entry - Select the entry, then click the **Edit** button.
* Remove a single entry from the list - Select the entry, then click the **Delete** button.
* Remove all items from the list - click the **Clear** button.
* Restore the list from the permanent file - click the **Reload** button.
* Make your changes permanent - click **Save**.

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| **Temporary or Permanent Changes?**If you do not **Save** your changes, they will remain in effect until you close the application, but they will not be permanent. The next time you open the program, the list will be restored to its prior state. So if you **Clear** the list, but do not **Save** it, you can always **Reload** it. |

### Using the List on a PRL Form

1. **Exit** the **Product List**.
2. Click in the **EPA Reg Number** column in a row on the form, and then click an **EPA Number** in the list. On [Option A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) you can also use the list with these keystrokes: ALT-P, L. You can then use the arrow keys to navigate to the product you want and the enter key to select it

#### Results

The [**EPA Number**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-EPARegistrationNumber) and [**Product Name**](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ProductName) will be populated to the row on the form.

County Code Popup

Forms [26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) and [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27) have a column for **County Code**. A list of [New York county codes](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/County%2BCodes) is in the Appendix.

As an added convenience, a popup dialog is available to help you select the correct county code.

### Using the County Popup

Figure 9 County Code Dialog

1. The county code popup can be opened by either clicking the yellow button at the top of the grid or (if the popup is enabled) by clicking or moving into the county column.
2. The county code popup has three different modes:
* **Select from List**: This mode enables the county code popup. Simply click the appropriate county with your mouse and the county code will be filled in on the form. The pop-up will appear every time you enter the county code field on forms [26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) or [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27).
* **Disabled**: This mode deactivates the county code popup so that you can type in the code directly on the grid.
* **Select a Default Code**: This mode deactivates the county code popup, but it also allows you to set a default value. The code will be entered automatically each time you enter the field. Just select a code from the list or type one in the space provided (this field is only visible when you click the radio button for this mode).

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| In [Option A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Option%2BA%2BUser%2BGuide) forms the button at the top of the grid on the form also indicates the current mode of the popup. |

Editing Functions

Functions that enable you to copy and move data in the data entry grid are available by right-clicking the mouse and from the **Edit** menu at the top of the form. Forms [25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25), [26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) and [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27) provide **Cut**, **Copy,** **Delete Rows**, **Duplicate Rows**, **Insert** **Rows**, **Insert** and **Overwrite** functions. [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A) rows should be unique, so the **Duplicate Rows** function is not available.

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| You can copy and paste your data in from another application such as a spreadsheet program like Microsoft Excel. Since the record layout in the other application may not match the [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) form, we recommend that you copy and paste by the column. It may be possible to do this for multiple columns at once, but it is important that the correct data is pasted into each column; otherwise the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ServiceBureau) may not be able to process your report. |

* **Copy** - copies one or more cells to the Windows clipboard. The cell contents can then be pasted into other cells or even into other applications (including text editors or spreadsheets).
* Keyboard shortcut: Ctrl-C
* **Cut** - is identical to **Copy** except that the data is removed from the selected cells.
* Keyboard shortcut: Ctrl-X
* **Insert** - creates a new row above the currently selected cell and pastes data from the clipboard into that new row, beginning at the cell immediately above the selected cell.
* **Overwrite** - pastes the data into an existing (possibly empty) row, beginning at the selected cell.
* Keyboard shortcut: Ctrl-V

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| If you have copied or cut only part of a row, it is essential that you paste into the same columns; otherwise the data you paste may end up in an unintended column and fail validation. |

* **Duplicate Rows** - copies an entire row or set of rows to the row after the last used row. You can select one or more cells in the grid, possibly in several adjacent rows; you do not need to select the entire row.
* **Insert Rows** - adds one or more empty rows after the currently selected cell(s). To insert multiple rows, select cells in as many rows as you want to insert, then choose **Insert Rows**.
* **Delete Rows** - deletes all the rows in which you have selected cells. There is no need to select the entire row.

Validation

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| **Option A** - When you hover the mouse over a cell or click in a cell, the data description for the column is displayed.**Option B** - When you hover the mouse over the column header, the data description for the column is displayed. Review this description if you are unsure of why a cell failed validation. Cell descriptions are also displayed if you click in a cell. Note that these descriptive prompts can be dragged to another location if you need to move them. |

[Option A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) makes available all validation methods listed below; [Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) makes the first two available. [Option A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) can also validate files you created using other software applications. For step-by-step instructions on using [Option A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) to validate your files, see [text file validation steps](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Step-by-Step%2BText%2BFile%2BValidation%2BInstructions).

### Validation During Data Entry

1. As you are entering data into a form, the program validates your entries.
2. If an entry fails validation, the program displays a pop-up dialog describing the error; the cell color is also set to pink after you click **OK** in the dialog and the cursor returns to the field. Sometimes the invalid entry is erased.

On [Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OB61/Option%2BB%2BUser%2BGuide) forms a warning message, “**One or more cells contain Invalid Entries**”, will appear in the header area of the form.
3. You do not need to correct the error to continue entering data in the form, but should correct all errors before submitting your report.

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| This method does not validate cells in which you did not make an entry. Since most columns are required, you should use one of the two methods listed below in order to validate the whole file. |

### Validation When Saving a File

1. When you save the file, the program asks whether you would like to validate the file first.
2. If you choose **Yes**, cells which do not pass validation will be displayed with a pink background.

On [Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OB61/Option%2BB%2BUser%2BGuide) forms a warning message, “**One or more cells contain Invalid Entries**”, will appear in the header area of the form.
3. Find and correct the highlighted cells.

### Validation Using the Validate Menu Item (Option A only)

1. At any time you can validate the data you have entered by clicking the **Validate** menu item.
2. If there are errors, the program displays a dialog with the error count and highlights the cells.
3. Find and correct the highlighted cells.

### Validation When Opening a File (Option A only)

When you open an existing file, it is automatically validated. For files that require more than a second or two to validate, a progress bar dialog is displayed. The dialog contains a **Stop** button, which you can use to cancel the validation process. The file will still open if you cancel validation.

If errors are found, then another dialog will display the number of errors found. After you click **OK**, the file will be opened and the cells with errors will be highlighted.

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| **Important**Files submitted with errors may be rejected by or returned from the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ServiceBureau). Please correct all validation errors. [Contact us](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Contact%2BUs) if you need help with the validation process or making corrections to your report. |

Step-by-Step Text File Validation

There are two ways to validate your report files, by the file or by the folder. Only text files can be validated. Files are checked for compliance with the [PRL Text File Specifications](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Text%2BFile%2BSpecifications). The specifications are also available on the **Help** menu under **File Format Guidelines**.

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| Only text files whose names start with one of the recognized prefix letters (*P*, *A*, *M*, or *S*) are checked. See [Report File Naming](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Report%2BFile%2BNaming) for details about file naming conventions. If you are validating one file at a time and you choose a file with an invalid initial letter, it will fail validation. |

### To Validate a Single File

1. Select one of the form types in the **Report Forms** frame.
2. Select the **Validate File** button (or the menu item **Validate** –>  **File**).
3. You will be prompted with a standard Windows dialog box to select a file from the [report folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder) to validate.

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| The list of files displayed is filtered to show only those with the correct initial letter (see [Report File Naming](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Report%2BFile%2BNaming)). |

1. Either pick the file you want to validate or navigate to the folder containing the file you want and select the **Open** button.
2. For larger files a dialog with a progress bar and an estimate of the time remaining for the validation run will display. This dialog also contains a **Stop** button.
3. When file validation is finished, you will see a message box containing the validation result and some other information.

Figure 10 Validation Result

1. If the file did not pass or there were warnings, you have the option to open the [exception report](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/File%2BValidation%2BException%2BReport). Regardless of the outcome, you can open the file in the editor. If there are errors, a small dialog will show the number of errors before the editor opens. Any cells with validation errors will display with a pink background.
2. If you do open the file in the editor, you can fix the errors and save the file just like you would with a file created with Option A. Alternatively you can fix the errors in the software you used to create it with the assistance of the [exception report](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/File%2BValidation%2BException%2BReport).

### To Validate a Report Folder

You may validate all of the PRL report files in a single folder in a single operation, instead of selecting each file individually.

1. Select the **Validate Folder** button (or the menu item **Validate** –>  **Folder**).
2. You are asked whether you saved your files in the current [report folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder). If you answer **Yes**, the program proceeds with validation. If you answer **No**, you are shown a dialog box to select the folder that contains the report files.
3. If the validation run will take more than a second, a dialog with a progress bar and an estimate of the time remaining will display. This dialog also contains a **Stop** button.
4. When validation is finished, a message box informs you:
5. How many files were checked.
6. How many of those files passed validation.
7. How many files had [*warnings*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/File%2BValidation%2BException%2BReport).
8. How many files failed validation.
9. [Exception reports](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/File%2BValidation%2BException%2BReport) are created for any files with either **Warnings** or **Errors** and will be located in the folder you validated.

#### Keystroke Shortcuts

* Validate File: Alt-V, F or Alt-V
* Validate Folder: Alt-V, D

File Saving

The **Save** command writes the data in the data entry grid or workbook, along with appropriate entries from the form header, to a text file ([Option A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA61/Option%2BA%2BUser%2BGuide)) or Excel file ([Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OB61/Option%2BB%2BUser%2BGuide)). **Save As** is similar but gives you the opportunity to change the file name. When you close the data entry grid or workbook, you will be given a chance to save and/or validate your data.

If you choose to save the same data several times to different files — for example, if you save the file, edit it by adding more data, then save it again with a different name — please submit only the final version with your report. Please avoid submitting duplicate pesticide application or sales records.

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| We recommend that you do not unnecessarily change the folder when saving your files. Submitting your report will be much simpler if all of your report files are in one place. In addition, the identity information from the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) is always stored in the [default report folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder). If you need to keep several separate reports on one computer, you can always [change the report root](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Change%2BReport%2BRoot). |

### Saving a File for the First Time or Using Save As

1. Choose the **Save** or **Save As** menu item on the **Tools** menu.

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| If you are using [Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OB61/Option%2BB%2BUser%2BGuide), some versions of Excel may present a message warning you that the file is read-only. Click **OK** in the dialog. |

1. A dialog will ask if you want to **Validate** the file before saving it. If you choose to [validate the file](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Validation), you can still save regardless of whether there are errors.
2. A standard Windows **Save** or **Save As** dialog opens the [report folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder) with the **File Name** field pre-filled with the [recommended name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Report%2BFile%2BNaming).

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| You may change the name of the file when you save it. However, keep the first letter (*P*, *A*, *M*, or *S*) and the file extension (either *.txt* or *.xls*) from the suggested name. The [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ServiceBureau) requires the initial letter in order to identify the form type and the file extension to identify the file type. |

1. Click **Save**.

### Saving a File that Was Previously Saved

1. Choose the **Save** menu item on the **Tools** menu.
2. A dialog will ask if you want to **Validate** the file before saving it. If you choose to [validate the file](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB61/Validation), you can still save regardless of whether there are errors. If you do not, the file is saved in its current location with the same file name as was last used.

#### Keystroke Shortcuts

* *Save* menu Item: Alt-F, S
* *Save As* menu Item: Alt-F, A

Upload Your Report

### How to Submit Your Report

1. When you are ready to submit your report to the [NYSDEC](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27506.html), either click the **Upload Report to NYSDEC** button on the [Control Center](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) or choose the **Upload Report** item on the **Tools** menu.
2. If you saved your files in the default [report folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder), click "**Yes**" on the dialog box that pops-up. Otherwise click "**No**" and navigate to the location where you saved your files.
3. The program then displays the **Upload Utility** form. Simply uncheck files that you do not want to send us.

Figure 11 Upload Utility Form



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| The contact and identity information you typed into the [Control Center](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter) are saved in a file called [*identity.txt*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Identity). This file is not displayed in the **Upload Utility** form, but it is automatically included with the files you submit.  |

1. Click the **Step 2. Upload Report to DEC** button. The upload may take a few minutes. If it succeeds, you will see a page with a list of the uploaded files and a [submission number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-SubmissionNumber).

Figure 12 Upload Response Dialog



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| Please make a note of the [submission number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-SubmissionNumber); if you contact the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PesticideReportingServiceBureau), we will need it to access your report. |

1. If you do not see this page, you may see a page asking you to correct one or more of the ID numbers you entered on the [Control Center](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ControlCenter). After you correct the IDs, re-try the upload.
2. When you are finished, check your email account for a message from prlsupport@nysprl.com. You should receive an email from us which confirms the receipt of your report and contains [important information](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-FirstEmail) about the report that you should review.

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| **Upload Error**If no page is displayed after a few minutes, there is a technical problem with the upload. Rather than using the program to upload your report, choose another [submission method](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Submitting%2BYour%2BElectronic%2BReport). |

### Keystroke Shortcuts

* Menu Item: **Tools** -> **Upload Report** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-T, U)
* Button: **Upload Report to NYSDEC** (keystroke shortcut: Alt-U)

Contact Us

The [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ServiceBureau) at Cornell University provides technical support to assist you in installing and using the electronic reporting programs and submitting your [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) reports.

**Phone**:

800-281-7538 (toll free in New York State)

607-257-5707 (a toll call) outside of New York State

Both numbers are answered Monday–Friday 9:30–5:30 and have voice mail.

**Email**: prlsupport@nysprl.com<http://nysprl.com>

**Web Site**: [www.nysprl.com](http://www.nysprl.com/)

You may also contact the [NYS DEC Bureau of Pest Management](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27506.html) for technical support or other questions related to the Pesticide Reporting Law and reporting requirements:

**Phone**: 518-402-8748 (Monday-Friday 8:30-4:45)

**Email**: prl@dec.ny.gov

**Web Site**: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27506.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27506.html)

Appendix

New York State County Codes

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| Code | County | Code | County | Code | County |
| 01 | Albany | 23 | Lewis | 45 | Seneca |
| 02 | Allegany | 24 | Livingston | 46 | Steuben |
| 03 | Broome | 25 | Madison | 47 | Suffolk |
| 04 | Cattaraugus | 26 | Monroe | 48 | Sullivan |
| 05 | Cayuga | 27 | Montgomery | 49 | Tioga |
| 06 | Chautauqua | 28 | Nassau | 50 | Tompkins |
| 07 | Chemung | 29 | Niagara | 51 | Ulster |
| 08 | Chenango | 30 | Oneida | 52 | Warren |
| 09 | Clinton | 31 | Onondaga | 53 | Washington |
| 10 | Columbia | 32 | Ontario | 54 | Wayne |
| 11 | Cortland | 33 | Orange | 55 | Westchester |
| 12 | Delaware | 34 | Orleans | 56 | Wyoming |
| 13 | Dutchess | 35 | Oswego | 57 | Yates |
| 14 | Erie | 36 | Otsego | 58 | Bronx |
| 15 | Essex | 37 | Putnam | 59 | Kings |
| 16 | Franklin | 38 | Rensselaer | 60 | New York |
| 17 | Fulton | 39 | Rockland | 61 | Queens |
| 18 | Genesee | 40 | St. Lawrence | 62 | Richmond |
| 19 | Greene | 41 | Saratoga | 99 | Out of State |
| 20 | Hamilton | 42 | Schenectady |  |  |
| 21 | Herkimer | 43 | Schoharie |  |  |
| 22 | Jefferson | 44 | Schuyler |  |  |

Data Dictionary

This dictionary describes the contents of each column on each of the four [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) forms or files if your report consists of files created by a third-party application or manually. It also gives the sequence of columns or record layout for each form type.

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| The attributes in the dictionary entries are**Forms:** the form type on which the column appears.**Third-Party Software Files:** the text file type on which the field/column appears. This attribute only applies to files you created without using our software.**Required:** is the column optional or required.**Column Type**: Columns can either be reporting, record-keeping columns. Reporting columns contain data that must be submitted to NYSDEC under the [PRL;](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL) record-keeping columns are data that you are required to maintain but do not have to submit. You are not required to use our software to retain these data items.**Maximum Width:** maximum allowable width for the column.**Data Type:** the type of data that the column should contain. See the [data type descriptions](#scroll-bookmark-77) for more information.**Domain:** the set of allowable values. **Notes:** additional information about the column. |

**Form 26**

Reporting Columns - For each product in each pesticide application, report these fields using [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26). All columns are required except for the **End Date**.

1. [EPA Registration Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-EPARegistrationNumber)

2. [Product Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ProductName)

3. [Quantity](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-QuantityApplied)

4. [Units of Measure](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-UnitsorContainerSizeUnits)

5. [Application Date](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Date%28s%29)

6. [End Date](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Date%28s%29)

7. [County Code](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-CountyCode)

8. [Address](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Address)

9. [Municipality](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Municipality)

10. [Zip Code](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ZipCode)

Record Keeping Columns - These columns are optional; you may use them to fulfill the record keeping requirements of the [PRL](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PRL).

11. [Dosage Rate](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-DosageRate)

12. [Method of Application](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-MethodofApplication)

13. [Target Organism(s)](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-TargetOrganism%28s%29)

14. [Place of Application](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-PlaceofApplication)

**Form 26A**

For each [commercial applicator](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialApplicator), [technician](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Technician) and [anti-fouling applicator](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Anti-foulingApplicator) report these fields using [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A).

Option A - All columns are usually required (non-registered businesses making pesticide applications (such as a golf course, cemetery, greenhouse, etc*.*) may omit the [Business Registration Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-BusinessRegistrationNumber)).

1. [Certification ID Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-CertificationIDNumber)

2. [Business Registration Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-BusinessRegistrationNumber)

3. [Applicator First Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ApplicatorFirstName)

4. [Applicator Last Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ApplicatorLastName)

5. [Applications Indicator](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ApplicationsIndicator)

Option B - All columns are required.

1. [Certification ID Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-CertificationIDNumber)

2. [Applicator First Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ApplicatorFirstName)

3. [Applicator Last Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ApplicatorLastName)

4. [Applications Indicator](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ApplicationsIndicator)

**Form 27**

For each sale of [restricted use pesticides](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) or [general use](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) agricultural pesticides to [certified private applicators](#scroll-bookmark-78), report these fields using [Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27). All columns are required.

1. [EPA Registration Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-EPARegistrationNumber)

2. [Product Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ProductName)

3. [Quantity](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-QuantityApplied)

4. [Units of Measure](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-UnitsorContainerSizeUnits)

5. [Application Date](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Date%28s%29)

6. [County Code](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-CountyCode)

7. [Address](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Address)

8. [Municipality](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-Municipality)

9. [Zip Code](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ZipCode)

**Form 25**

For each container size of each [restricted use pesticide](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) sold to New York purchasers, report these fields using [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25). All columns are required.

1. [EPA Registration Number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-EPARegistrationNumber)

2. [Product Name](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ProductName)

3. [Container Size Quantity](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ContainerSizeQuantity)

4. [Container Size Units](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ContainerSizeUnits)

5. [Containers Sold](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-ContainersSold)

### Column Descriptions

#### Address

Report the street address including the building or lot number where the pesticide was applied or the purchaser intended to apply. We cannot accept P.O. Boxes in this column.

**Forms:** 26, 27

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26, 27

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 50

**Data Type:** Character

#### Applications Indicator

Indicates whether or not this applicator made pesticide applications in the [report year](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportYear).

**Forms:** 26A

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26, 26A

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 1

**Data Type:** Numeric

**Domain:** Option A: check the box if no applications were made.

Option B: “Y” if applications were made; “N” if no applications were made.

Third-Party Software Files: “0” if applications were made; “3” if no applications were made.If column set to “3”, all other fields except [Certification ID](#scroll-bookmark-82) and [Business Registration](#scroll-bookmark-83) must be empty.

#### Applicator First Name

First name and middle name (if reported) of the [commercial applicator](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialApplicator), [technician](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Technician), or [anti-fouling paint applicator](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Anti-foulingApplicator) employed by the registered business, privately-owned golf course, cemetery, greenhouse or private school.

**Forms:** 26A

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26A

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 15

**Data Type:** Character

#### Applicator Last Name

Last name of the [commercial applicator](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialApplicator), [technician](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Technician), or [anti-fouling paint applicator](http://vm-atlas:8090/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Anti-foulingApplicator) employed by the registered business, privately-owned golf course, cemetery, greenhouse or private school.

**Forms:** 26A

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26A

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 25

**Data Type:** Character

#### Business Registration Number

The ID number issued to [pesticide application businesses or agencies](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-RegisteredBusiness) by the DEC. The field must contain 5 numeric digits (*e.g.* 52197).

**Forms:** 26A

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26, 26A

**Required:** In most cases this field is required. An exception was made to this requirement to allow privately-owned golf courses, cemeteries, greenhouses and private schools to report using form 26A.

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 5

**Data Type:** Numeric

#### Certification ID Number

The certification ID is issued by the NYSDEC to a [commercial applicator](#scroll-bookmark-86), [technician](#scroll-bookmark-87), or [anti-fouling paint applicator](#scroll-bookmark-88). ([Private applicators](#scroll-bookmark-78) are also issued certification IDs but are not required to submit [PRL](#scroll-bookmark-89) Reports.) The number is printed on the applicator's ID card and the certification certificate. The certification ID number begins with “C”, “T”, or “B”, followed by 7-digits.

**Forms:** 26A

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26, 26A

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 8

**Data Type:** Character

#### Commercial Permit Number

The ID number issued to the [Commercial Sales Permittee](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee) by the DEC. The field must contain the letter “R” followed by 5 numeric digits. (*e.g.* R00001).

**Forms:** none

**Third-Party Software Files:** 25, 27

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 6

**Data Type:** Character

#### Container Size Quantity

The numeric component of the container size for the containers that were sold. For example, if you sold 10 containers that were 2.5 gallons a piece, the **Container Size Quantity** is 2.5. Use only numbers and, if applicable, a decimal point in this column.

**Forms:** 25

**Third-Party Software Files:** 25

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 6

**Data Type:** Decimal

#### Containers Sold

The number of containers of the product that were sold. For example, if you sold 10 containers that were 2.5 gallons a piece, the **Containers Sold** is 10. Integers only; do not include decimal digits in this column.

**Forms:** 25

**Third-Party Software Files:** 25

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 8

**Data Type:** Numeric

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| Do not report the number of cases sold or the number of containers per case. |

#### County Code

The county where the application was made ([Form 26](http://Glossary#Form+26)) or where the [private applicator](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-PrivateApplicator) intends to apply the pesticide ([Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27)). A [list of county codes](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/County%2BCodes) is included in the appendix. As an added convenience, a [county codepopup](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB60/County%2BCode%2BPopup) dialog is available in [Options A and B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) to help you select the correct county code.

For applications that cross a county, municipality, township, or zip code boundaries, you must enter complete information for each location where the pesticide application occurred or will occur. Do this by entering a new row for each separate location. Distribute the total amount applied (or intended to be applied) among the rows, making your best estimate for how much was or will be applied in each location.

**Forms:** 26, 27

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26, 27

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 2

**Data Type:** Numeric

#### Date(s)

The date of application ([Form 26](http://Glossary#Form+26)) or the date the product was sold ([Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27)). Date values must be entered in one of these formats (where *mm*=month, *dd*=day, *yyyy*=year):

*-> mm/dd/yyyy*

*-> mm-dd-yyyy*

*-> mm-dd*

*-> mm/dd*

[Form 26](http://Glossary#Form+26) includes an **End Date** column that is used to specify the end of a date range where the **Application Date** is the beginning of the range. This column is for automated applications (*e.g.* cooling towers, water treatment facilities). Leave this column blank if you do not make automated applications.

**Forms**: 26, 27

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26, 27

**Required:** Application Date, Sales Date**:** yes; End Date: no

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 10

**Data Type:** Date

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| Two-digit years are also accepted. If the year is omitted, the application will use the [report year](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportYear). |

#### Dosage Rate

Enter the amount of pesticide used for a given application; *e.g.*, 1 fluid ounce/gallon (FL/GL); 1 gram/12 inches (GM/IN), etc. (This is the premix or final mix dosage rate listed on the pesticide label.)

**Forms:** 26

**Third-Party Software Files:** none

**Required:** no

**Column Type**: record keeping

**Maximum Width:** 50

**Data Type:** Character

#### Enduse/Resale Indicator(s)

Indicates whether the sales on [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25) are to other [commercial permit holders](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee) for resale or to [certified applicators](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertifiedApplicator) for end use.

**Forms:** 25

**Third-Party Software Files:** 25

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 1

**Data Type:** Character

**Domain:** Third-Party Software Files - there are separate fields for each indicator. Enter "X" in either the end use or resale field, but not both.

Option A & B - click the radio button that corresponds to the appropriate sales type.

#### EPA Registration Number

Report the **EPA Registration Number**, exactly as it appears on the product label. It is a two or three part number in which the parts are separated by hyphens or dashes (*e.g.* 3125-474-538 or 3125-474). The first part may have up to six digits, the second up to five, and the third optional part up to six. Do not include any leading zeroes (e.g. 3125-474, not 003125-00474).

This column and the **Product Name** can be filled in by selecting a product in the [EPA Reg Number List](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB60/EPA%2BRegistration%2BNumber%2BList) ([Options A & B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions)) or by typing in the cell.

**Forms:** 25, 26, 27

**Third-Party Software Files:** 25, 26, 27

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 24

**Data Type:** Character

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| **Important**Be sure to enter the **EPA Registration Number**. and not the **EPA Establishment Number**. [Establishment Numbers](http://compliance.supportportal.com/link/portal/23002/23009/Article/32855/What-is-an-EPA-establishment-number) have a state abbreviation as the second part of the number (e.g. 99999-NY-002). |

#### Method of Application

Method used to apply the pesticide (broadcast, hand placement, aerial, etc.)

**Forms:** 26

**Third-Party Software Files:** none

**Required:** no

**Column Type**: record keeping

**Maximum Width:** 50

**Data Type:** Character

#### Municipality

Report the village, town or city where the pesticide was applied ([Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26)) or the purchaser intended to apply the pesticide ([Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27)). The municipality name should match the zip code (*e.g.*, 11375 should be Forest Hills and not Queens).

For applications that cross a county, municipality, township, or zip code boundaries, you must enter complete information for each location where the pesticide application occurred or will occur. Do this by entering a new row for each separate location. Distribute the total amount applied (or intended to be applied) among the rows, making your best estimate for how much was or will be applied in each location.

**Forms:** 26, 27

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26, 27

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 30

**Data Type:** Character

#### Place of Application

Enter the specific location where the pesticide was applied (e.g. greens 3 & 7 of golf course; front lawn area, restaurant kitchen, *etc.*)

**Forms:** 26

**Third-Party Software Files:** none

**Required:** no

**Column Type**: record keeping

**Maximum Width:** 50

**Data Type:** Character

#### Product Name

Report the registered product name (not the active ingredient name). This column and the **EPA Registration Number** can be filled in by selecting a product in the [EPA Reg Number List](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB60/EPA%2BRegistration%2BNumber%2BList) ([Option A & B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions)) or by typing in the cell.

**Forms:** 25, 26, 27

**Third-Party Software Files:** 25, 26, 27

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 65

**Data Type:** Character

#### Quantity Applied

The undiluted amount of pesticide applied; that is the amount of product used out of the manufacturer’s container. Convert all fractions to decimals (*e.g.* 3/4 = 0.75).

**Forms:** 26

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 13

**Data Type:** Decimal

#### Quantity Sold

The size of the container sold multiplied by the number of containers. Convert all fractions to decimals (*e.g.* 3/4 = 0.75).

**Forms:** 27

**Third-Party Software Files:** 27

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 13

**Data Type:** Decimal

#### Sales Indicator

Indicates whether a [pesticide sales permittee](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee) made sales during the [report year](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportYear).

**Forms:** none

**Third-Party Software Files:** 25, 27

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 1

**Data Type:** Numeric

**Domain:** “0” if sales were made; “3” if no sales were made.

**Notes:**  If column set to “3” (No Sales), all other fields except [Commercial Permit Number](#scroll-bookmark-90) must be empty.

#### Target Organism(s)

Enter the name of the targeted pest(s). The targeted pest or organism must be listed on the pesticide label.

**Forms:** 26

**Third-Party Software Files:** none

**Required:** no

**Column Type**: record keeping

**Maximum Width:** 50

**Data Type:** Character

#### Units or Container Size Units

The unit of measure applicable to the [quantity applied](#scroll-bookmark-102) or [sold](#scroll-bookmark-103).

Accepted Units of Measure...

**FL**: Fluid Ounces

**GL**: Gallons

**GM**: Grams

**KG**: Kilograms

**L**: Liters

**LB**: Pounds

**MG**: Milligrams

**ML**: Milliliters

**OZ**: Dry Ounces

**QT**: Quart

In [Options A, B and D](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) the **Units** column on [Forms 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) and [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27) and the **Container Size Units** column on [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25)have a drop-down list for easy entry of units. To use the list, click or tab into the cell, then click the downward-pointing arrowhead and select one of the units.

**Forms:** 25,26, 27

**Third-Party Software Files:** 25, 26, 27

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 2

**Data Type:** Character

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| Only the units listed in the drop-down list can be accepted. Please do not enter values such as "*each*" or "*case*" which cannot be converted into a specific unit of measurement. |

#### Zip Code

The five-digit zip code where the pesticide was applied ([Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26)) or where the applicator intended to apply the pesticide ([Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27)).

For applications that cross a county, municipality, township, or zip code boundaries, you must enter complete information for each location where the pesticide application occurred or will occur. Do this by entering a new row for each separate location. Distribute the total amount applied (or intended to be applied) among the rows, making your best estimate for how much was or will be applied in each location.

**Forms:** 26, 27

**Third-Party Software Files:** 26, 27

**Required:** yes

**Column Type**: reporting

**Maximum Width:** 5

**Data Type:** Numeric

### Data Type Descriptions

* **Character**: Any printable ASCII character(s).
* **Date**: One of these formats (where m = month, d = day, y = year)
* mm/dd/yyyy
* mm-dd-yyyy
* mm/dd/yy
* mm-dd-yy
* *mm/dd*
* *mm-dd*
* **Numeric**: 0 – 9
* **Decimal**: 0 – 9 and an optional decimal point (“.”).
For numeric fields that include decimals, a decimal point and up to 4 digits to the right of the decimal point are accepted.

File Naming

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| **Option A & B**Unless you have a compelling reason to change the recommended file name, we suggest that you accept the default choice. |

### File Name Pattern

The name given to a new report file by [Option A or B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions), and the one recommended for third-party or manually-created text files, follows the pattern of: *form prefix* + *ID number* + *sequence number* + *extension*.

The *form prefix* is the first letter of the file name, which is associated with one of the four form types:

* *P* - [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26),
* *A* - [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A),
* *M* - [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25), or
* *S* - [Form 27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27).

The next 5 to 8 characters of the file name is a DEC-issued *ID number*. The *ID number* used is based on the form type of the file:

* [Form 25](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form25) and [27](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form27) - [commercial permit number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialPermitNumber),
* [Form 26](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26) - [certification ID,](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber) or
* [Form 26A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Form26A) - either the [business registration number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-BusinessRegistrationNumber) (if any) or [certification ID](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber).

The next two digits are an (optional) unique *sequence number* between 00 and 99.

The last part is the *extension* of ".txt" ( [Option A or](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) [C](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OC60/Option%2BC%2BUser%2BGuide)) or ".xls" ( [Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions)), which identifies the file as text or an Excel file.

#### Example

If you are using [Option A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) and save a Form 26 file in a folder already containing another Form 26 file and both files have a [Certification ID](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber) number of *C1234567*, the file would be named *PC123456701.txt*.

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| **Important**If you decide to use a different name, the first letter of the file name must still match the form type and use the correct extension for the software option as shown above; the initial letter is used by the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ServiceBureau) to identify the type of form that was submitted and the extension identifies the file type. |

Glossary

This glossary defines the terms used in the [PRL Documentation set](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Welcome).

**Aquatic Anti-fouling Paint Applicator:** Someone who is certified in the commercial application of [general use](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) aquatic anti-foulant paints. Anti-fouling applicators are issued an identification number that starts with the letter "B" followed by 7-digits. See the [NYSDEC web site](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/45904.html) for more information.

**Business Registration Number:** Business registration numbers are issued by the NYSDEC to [registered businesses](#scroll-bookmark-115). The identification number is 5-digits in length.

**Certification Identification Number**:The certification ID is issued by the NYSDEC to a [commercial applicator](#scroll-bookmark-117), [technician](#scroll-bookmark-118), or [anti-fouling paint applicator](#scroll-bookmark-113). ([Private applicators](#scroll-bookmark-119) are also issued certification IDs but are not required to submit [PRL](#scroll-bookmark-120) Reports.) The number is printed on the applicator's ID card and the certification certificate. The certification ID number begins with “C”, “T”, or “B”, followed by 7-digits.

**Certified Applicator:** A pesticide applicator licensed by the state of New York. This includes [commercial applicator](#scroll-bookmark-117)s, [technician](#scroll-bookmark-118)s, [anti-fouling paint applicators](#scroll-bookmark-113) and [private applicators](#scroll-bookmark-119). Note that [private applicators](#scroll-bookmark-119) are not required to submit [PRL](#scroll-bookmark-120) Reports.

**Commercial Permit Number:** Commercial sales permit numbers are issued by the NYSDEC to [commercial permittees](#scroll-bookmark-123); they consist of an “R” followed by 5-digits (*e.g.* R00001).

**Commercial Pesticide Applicator:** Someone who is fully certified to make applications in the state of New York. Commercial applicators are issued an identification number that starts with the letter "C" followed by 7-digits. See the [NYSDEC web site](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/45618.html) for more information.

**Commercial Pesticide Apprentice:** Uncertified pesticide applicator working under the direct supervision of a [commercial pesticide applicator](#scroll-bookmark-117). Apprentices do not have an identification number issued by the DEC. See the [NYSDEC web site](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) for more information.

**Commercial Pesticide Technician:** Someone who is certified to make some types of applications in the state of New York. Technicians are issued an identification number that starts with the letter "T" followed by 7-digits. See the [NYSDEC web site](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/45618.html) for more information.

**Commercial Sales Permittee:** Anyone who sells [restricted use pesticides](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) must hold a commercial sales permit issued by the NYSDEC. Sales permittees are issued a [commercial permit number.](#scroll-bookmark-122) See the [NYSDEC web site](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/96354.html#Application) for more information.

**Compliant Report:** A [PRL](#scroll-bookmark-120) report file has a "compliant” format if it is either:

* A text file formatted according to the [Text File Specifications](http://www.nysprl.com/Docs/Guidelines.htm). This includes [Option A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) files, and third-party software files or manually- created files that has been validated with our software .
* A Microsoft Excel .xls file created from one of the Excel workbooks provided by the Service Bureau. This includes [Option B and Option D](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) files and our "[Excel-compatible](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2490717)" spreadsheets.

In addition, the file name should follow the naming conventions shown for  [text files or Excel files](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Report%2BFile%2BNaming), as applicable. The critical parts of the file name are the *prefix* and *extension*.

In both cases, we know how the data is laid out in the file, so we are able to automatically extract the data for storage in a database. Files that are “not compliant” require manual processing to convert them into a compliant format.

A [PRL](#scroll-bookmark-120) Report Submission is “compliant” if all of the files in the submission are compliant.

**Confirmation of Receipt Email** (also known as **First Email**)**:**  The email sent by the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](#scroll-bookmark-127) which indicates that your report submission has been received. It contains a list of the files we received, your [submission number](#scroll-bookmark-128) and a preliminary assessment of whether your report meetsour specifications. For reports submitted via the [web](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Submitting%2BYour%2BElectronic%2BReport#SubmittingYourElectronicReport-UploadThroughtheWebSite) and the [PRL reporting software](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2490717) the email is sent immediately. For [emailed](#scroll-bookmark-129) reports the receipt email will generally be sent by the next business day during the peak reporting season (roughly mid-December through early February); at other times of the year, it will be sent within a few days. Receipt emails are not usually sent for [mailed](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Submitting%2BYour%2BElectronic%2BReport#SubmittingYourElectronicReport-ConventionalMail) or [FTPed](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Submitting%2BYour%2BElectronic%2BReport#SubmittingYourElectronicReport-FTP) reports.

Please retain this email as proof that your report was received.

**Form 25** (also known as **Form 44-15-25**): Form 25 is used by [commercial permittees](#scroll-bookmark-123) to report a summary of all sales of [restricted use pesticides](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) sold from their establishment to New York purchasers throughout the year. The same form is used for sales to resellers (other [commercial permittees](#scroll-bookmark-123)) or for sales for end use by [commercial applicators](#scroll-bookmark-117), [technicians](#scroll-bookmark-118), and [anti-fouling paint applicators](#scroll-bookmark-113). Each container size of each product sold should be reported on a separate line of the form.

See the [record layout](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-RecordLayouts) for the data items to include on this form. If you have manually created a text file or use third-party software that creates text files, see the [Text File Specifications](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Text%2BFile%2BSpecifications).

**Form Title**: "Annual Report for Restricted Pesticides Sales"

**Form 26** (also known as **Form** **44-15-26**)**:**  Form 26 is used to report all pesticide applications made by [commercial applicators](#scroll-bookmark-117), [technicians](#scroll-bookmark-118), [anti-fouling paint applicators](#scroll-bookmark-113) and [apprentices](#scroll-bookmark-124) during the reporting year. Each pesticide application should be reported on a separate line of the form. Fully certified applicators that supervise apprentices must report applications made by those apprentices.

See the [record layout](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-RecordLayouts) for the data items to include on this form. If you have manually created a text file or use third-party software that creates text files, see the [Text File Specifications](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Text%2BFile%2BSpecifications).

**Form Title**: "Applicator/Technician Pesticide Annual Report"

**Form 26A** (also known as **Form** **44-15-26A**)**:** Form 26A is used to submit a list of certified applicators employed by a [registered pesticide business or agency](#scroll-bookmark-115) or by a non-registered business making pesticide applications (such as a golf course, cemetery, greenhouse, *etc.*). All certified applicators who worked for the business during any part of the report year, even if they made no applications, should be included on the form. Please do not include [pesticide apprentices](#scroll-bookmark-124) or those who are not certified or are only provisionally certified.

See the [record layout](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-RecordLayouts) for the data items to include on this form. If you have manually created a text file or use third-party software that creates text files, see the [Text File Specifications](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Text%2BFile%2BSpecifications).

**Form Title**: "List of Commercial Applicators and Technicians"

**Form 27** (also known as **Form** **44-15-27**)**:** Form 27 is used by [commercial permittees](#scroll-bookmark-123) to report all sales of [restricted use pesticides](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) or [general use](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) agricultural pesticides to [certified private applicators](#scroll-bookmark-119) in New York State. Each pesticide sale should be reported on a separate line of the form.

See the [record layout](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-RecordLayouts) for the data items to include on this form. If you have manually created a text file or use third-party software that creates text files, see the [Text File Specifications](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Text%2BFile%2BSpecifications).

**Form Title**: "Annual Report for Pesticide Sales to Certified Private Applicators"

**Form Types**: The PRL Service Bureau and the DEC have developed four form types that capture all the data required to be reported under the PRL. All reports submitted to the PRL Service Bureau and the DEC must conform to the [record layouts](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Data%2BDictionary#DataDictionary-RecordLayouts)  of these forms or the [Text File Specifications](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Text%2BFile%2BSpecifications). The four form types are

* **Form 25**: "[Annual Report for Restricted Pesticides Sales](#scroll-bookmark-130)"
* **Form 26**: "[Applicator/Technician Pesticide Annual Report](#scroll-bookmark-131)"
* **Form 26A**: "[List of Commercial Applicators and Technicians](#scroll-bookmark-132)"
* **Form 27**: "[Annual Report for Pesticide Sales to Certified Private Applicators](#scroll-bookmark-133)"

**Identity File**: The *identity.txt* contains the identity and contact information that you enter into our [reporting software](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2490717) and some third-party software products. You can also [create it yourself](http://www.nysprl.com/IdentityFile.htm). Our software stores the file in the [report folder](#scroll-bookmark-136). Reports that are submitted via email or electronic reports which are mailed to the NYSDEC should include this file.

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| There is no need to attach the identity file to reports submitted via the web or using the [PRL reporting software](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2490717). |

**Installation Folder:** The default installation folder for all of our software options is: C:\Program Files\NYSPRL. This location is modifiable during installation. Please note that your report files are not stored here; they are in the [report folder](#scroll-bookmark-136). There is no reason for you to access this folder. While the blank [Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) templates are stored here, it is simpler to use the **Blank Form** button on the [Registration form](#scroll-bookmark-138) to open a new form.

**Macro:** A set of Visual Basic for Applications commands used by the [Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) application to add functionality to the Excel workbooks.

**Private Pesticide Applicator:** Someone who makes private applications of [restricted use pesticides](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14564) for purposes of producing an agricultural commodity in the State of New York. Private applicators are issued an identification number that starts with the letter "P" followed by 7-digits. Private applicators are **NOT** required to file a [PRL](#scroll-bookmark-120) report. See the [NYSDEC web site](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/45618.html) for more information.

**Pesticide Reporting Law:** The PRL requires the annual submission of reports detailing pesticide activities for the prior calendar year. [Commercial applicators](#scroll-bookmark-117), [technicians](#scroll-bookmark-118), [anti-fouling paint applicators](#scroll-bookmark-113) and [commercial sales permittees](#scroll-bookmark-123) (including importers, manufacturers and compounders) are required to submit the annual reports by February 1 of each year,. See the [NYSDEC web site](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27506.html) for more information.

**Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau:** The group at Cornell University that has been contracted by the [NYSDEC](http://www.dec.ny.gov/) to process the annual [PRL](#scroll-bookmark-120) reports, provide telephone and email support to the businesses and applicators, create and maintain the [PRL](#scroll-bookmark-120) web sites and create and maintain the various pesticide reporting options. Questions not directly related to your [PRL](#scroll-bookmark-120) report such as questions about your certification or business registration should be directed to the [NYSDEC](http://www.dec.ny.gov/). We can be [contacted](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Contact%2BUs) by phone or email.

**Registered Pesticide Business**: Pesticide businesses or agencies registered with the state of New York to make commercial pesticide applications. Registered businesses are issued a [5-digit identification number](#scroll-bookmark-114). See the [NYSDEC web site](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html#14542) for more information.

**Registration Form** (also known as **Control Center**): The main window of the [Option A, B and C](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) software. Your contact and identification information is entered here. You can open a reporting form to enter pesticide data[7](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Notes#Notes-7), upload your report, change the report year, edit your list of products[7](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Notes#Notes-7), change the [Report Root](#scroll-bookmark-141) and access the program documentation..

**Report Acceptance Email** (also known as **second email**): The email sent by the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](#scroll-bookmark-127) after your report has been accepted. Typically this email is sent out within about one week of submission. The message contains a list of the applicators from your report who have been credited with reporting for the year. For pesticide sales businesses it will contain the [sales permit numbers](#scroll-bookmark-122) credited with reporting. If you do not receive this email, please [contact us](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Contact%2BUs). You will not be credited with reporting for the year until your report has been accepted.

**Report Folder** (also known as **Data Directory**): The default folder for storing report files that you save and the *identity.txt* file containing the information entered on the [Registration form](#scroll-bookmark-138). The folder name is *PRLyyyy* (where “*yyyy*” is the report year, for ex. *PRL2014*) and it is created by the PRL Reporting Software [Options A, B, and C](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions). A separate report folder is created for each report year. You may store your files in another location, but the *identity.txt* is always saved in the report folder. We strongly recommend saving to the current report folder, which is the default location used by our software.

The report folder is created by the PRL Reporting Software as a sub-folder of the [Report Root](#scroll-bookmark-141), one report folder for each [report year](#scroll-bookmark-143).

The PRL Reporting Software displays the current location for the report folder in the upper right corner of the [Registration form](#scroll-bookmark-138).

For example, if you create reports for the 2014 [report year](#scroll-bookmark-143) and have not changed the [Report Root](#scroll-bookmark-141) location, the default report folder location is: *C:\PRL2014.*

**Report Root Folder:** The Report Root folder is a location on your computer where all of your NYS PRL files should be saved. It contains a [report folder](#scroll-bookmark-136) for each report year, The default setting for the Report Root is your C:\ drive. The Report Root folder can be changed during installation or by using the **Change Report Root** menu item on the **Tools** menu of the [Registration form](#scroll-bookmark-138). For example if you set the Report Root folder to *C:\PRL*, and you create reports for 2011 and 2012, the *C:\PRL* folder will contain two sub-folders: *PRL2011* and *PRL2012*.

**Report Year:** The year in which the pesticide applications or sales that you are reporting occurred. This may be the previous calendar year.

**Special Local Need Registration:** Pesticide product registrations issued by the DEC, per FIFRA (Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act), for the following purposes:

To meet an existing or imminent pest problem within New York State for which the Department has determined that an appropriate pesticide product is not sufficiently available which is registered by the USEPA and the Department
**or**

To allow for the limited registration and use of a product for which the full federally labeled use would result in unacceptable impacts to human health or the environment.

**SLN Number:** The number used to identify a [Special Local Need](#scroll-bookmark-144) registration. The format is SLN NY-*nnnnnn* (where *n* = numeric digit) (e.g. SLN NY-120001).

**Submission Number** (also known as **Processing Number**)**:** A 5-digit number issued by the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](#scroll-bookmark-146), which identifies a particular report submission. This number is on the page displayed when you finish uploading your report via our [web site](http://prl.psur.cornell.edu/WebUpload.aspx) or using our [Option A, B or C](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) software. It is also included in the email the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://vm-atlas#Service+Bureau) sends when you submit a report via the [web](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Submitting%2BYour%2BElectronic%2BReport#SubmittingYourElectronicReport-UploadThroughtheWebSite), our [reporting software](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Submitting%2BYour%2BElectronic%2BReport#SubmittingYourElectronicReport-UploadwithOurPRLReportingSoftware) or [email](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Submitting%2BYour%2BElectronic%2BReport#SubmittingYourElectronicReport-Email).

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| Please make a note of the [submission number](#scroll-bookmark-128); if you contact the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](#scroll-bookmark-147), we will need it to access your report. |

Legal Requirements

[The Pesticide Reporting Law](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27506.html) (Chapter 279, Laws OF 1996) requires the annual submission of reports detailing pesticide activities for the prior calendar year. [Certified commercial applicators](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CommercialApplicator), [technicians](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Technician), [aquatic anti-fouling paint applicators](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Anti-foulingApplicator) and [commercial permittees](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Permittee) (including importers, manufacturers and compounders) are required to submit the annual reports. Reports are due by February 1 of the year immediately following the reporting year **even if no pesticide applications or sales were made**. Violations of the [Pesticide Reporting Law](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27506.html) are subject to penalties of up to $10,000 and could result in the revocation of your applicator certification and/or pesticide business registration.

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| Reports that are illegible or do not conform to these instructions will be rejected. |

If you have questions regarding the [Pesticide Reporting Law](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27506.html) and reporting requirements, [contact](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Contact%2BUs#ContactUs-DEC) the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Pesticide Reporting and Certification Section.

PRL Software Installation Guide

### System and User Requirements

#### System

**Option A** - Microsoft Windows 2000[3](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Notes#Notes-3) or later

**Option B** - Microsoft Windows 2000[3](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Notes#Notes-3), XP, Vista or 7; Microsoft Excel 2000[4](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Notes#Notes-4), 2002, 2003, 2007 or 2010

**Option C** - Microsoft Windows 2000[3](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Notes#Notes-3) or later (as of version 6.1 Option C has been replaced by Option A)

**Option D** - Microsoft Excel 97, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2007 or 2010

#### User

**Windows 2000** and **XP** - users must log on using an account with administrator rights.

**Vista/Windows 7 - 8 Operating Systems** - Depending on how your computer has been set up, you may need to log on as an administrator or provide user name and password for an account with administrator rights in order to run the installation package. It is generally advisable to log on as administrator but may not be required*.*

### Uninstall Previous Versions

We recommend uninstalling previous versions of the software before installing a new version, especially if you are upgrading from a version older than version 6. Uninstalling the old version is not usually required but can help avoid confusion caused by having more than one version of the program installed at the same time.

Uninstalling the software will not affect any saved data files.

Recent versions of the PRL Reporting Software include an “**Uninstall**” shortcut in the **All Programs**->**Pesticide Reporting** group, but for older versions you will need to open the **Add/Remove Programs** or **Programs and Features** dialog from the **Control Panel** and remove the old program from there.

### Installation

After you have [determined which Pesticide Reporting Software Option](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2490717) to install, [download](http://www.nysprl.com/ClientSoftware.htm) and save the installation file on your computer.

You may be able to run the installation program directly from the web site, but we recommend saving it somewhere on your computer and running it from there. Saving the installation program to your computer allows you to install the program at a later time without re-downloading it from the web site.

Double-click (or right-click and choose **Install**) the installation file. There are several steps in the wizard; for some of the steps, you can change the default values. We recommend that you keep the default values unless you have a good, compelling reason to change them. As you click through the steps, please note the following

* Step 2 provides [contact information](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Contact%2BUs). For [Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) installations it also informs you that [macros must be enabled in Excel](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OB60/Enabling%2BMacros%2Bin%2BExcel) for the application to work properly.
* Step 3 allows you to choose the installation folder. The default is *C:\Program Files\NYSPRL*.
* Step 4 sets the [Report Root](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportRoot) or parent folder for your [PRL report folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder), which is the folder where your reports will be stored. The default is the C drive.

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| You can change the default [Report Root](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportRoot) setting here or while running the PRL Reporting Software. The [Report Root](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportRoot) will contain a folder for each [report year](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportYear); the sub-folders are named PRL*yyyy*, where *yyyy* is the report year. For example, if you set the [Report Root](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportRoot) to *C:\PRL* and create reports for 2011 and 2012, the *C:\PRL* folder will contain two sub-folders: *PRL2011* and *PRL2012*. |

### After Installation

After you complete installation

* The [report folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder) has been created, if necessary.
* There is a program icon on the **Desktop** for the software option (either [A, B or C](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions)) that you installed. Double-click to run the program.

* There is a program group (on the **Start menu** or **Start Screen**) called “**Pesticide Reporting**” that contains links to start or uninstall the software option (either [A, B or C](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions)) that you installed.

### Configuration

If you installed [Option B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions), it is critical that you [change the macro security setting in Excel](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OB60/Enabling%2BMacros%2Bin%2BExcel) before you start to use the application. You may also need to [enable macros](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OB60/Enabling%2BMacros%2Bin%2BExcel) when you open one of the eForms for the first time.

Submitting Your Electronic Report

### Submission Process

There are several ways to submit your electronic PRL reports to the [Pesticide Reporting Service Bureau](http://vm-atlas#Service+Bureau):

* [Service bureau web site](#scroll-bookmark-159)
* [PRL reporting software](#scroll-bookmark-160)
* [Email](#scroll-bookmark-161)
* [Conventional mail](#scroll-bookmark-162)
* [FTP](#scroll-bookmark-163)

You may also [mail your paper](#scroll-bookmark-162) PRL report to the NYSDEC.

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| See the [Report Submission and Report Processing](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Start%2BHere#StartHere-ReportSubmission) sections of the process overview page for more information on how to prepare your files for submission and what to expect when and after you submit your files. |

### Submission Methods

#### Upload with Our PRL Reporting Software

Our [PRL Reporting Software](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2490717) Options [A, B, and C](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Documentation%2BVersions) all include the ability to upload your report files directly to our server. If you are using Option A, B or C, the [Upload to NYSDEC](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/LIB60/Upload%2BYour%2BReport) function is the quickest and easiest way to submit your report.

Some users in tightly controlled enterprise environments might not be able to use the upload function. The [web site upload](#scroll-bookmark-159) is a good alternative for those users.

When you are done, the software will display a list of the files uploaded and provide you with the [submission number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-SubmissionNumber) of your report. We will also send you an email with the same information.

#### Upload Through the Web Site

The [PRL Web Upload site](http://prl.psur.cornell.edu/WebUpload.aspx) allows you to upload existing report files or to report that you made no applications. [Pesticide sales businesses](http://Glossary#Permittee) can upload their reports or report that no sales were made. The upload pages include help text for each step.

If you are submitting applications or sales files created by [PRL Reporting Software](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2490717) Options [A](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OA60/Option%2BA%2BUser%2BGuide) or [B](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/OB60/Option%2BB%2BUser%2BGuide), the files will be stored in the default [report folder,](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder) unless you have changed the location. If you are having trouble locating your [PRL Reporting Software](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2490717) report files, see this [FAQ](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=1802332).

When you are done, the site will display a list of the files uploaded and provide you with the [submission number](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-SubmissionNumber) of your report. We will also send you an email with the same information.

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| If you upload a ZIP file, [the Web Upload site](http://prl.psur.cornell.edu/WebUpload.aspx) will include the contents of the ZIP file in the list of uploaded files that it displays. |

#### Email

To submit your report by email, do the following:

1. Compose an email to prlfiles@nysprl.com.

2. Indicate the [report year](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportYear) in the subject line.

3. Attach[5](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Notes#Notes-5) the report files to the email. Report files created by the PRL Software are usually stored in the [report folder](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-ReportFolder).

4. You must also attach the file [*identity.txt*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-Identity).

This file is created by our [reporting software](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2490717) and some third-party pesticide software products; you can also [create it yourself](http://www.nysprl.com/IdentityFile.htm). Please do not include contact and identity information in the body of your email[6](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Notes#Notes-6) if you have attached the [*identity.txt*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-IdentityFile) file; doing so will slow down processing of your submission.

5. Send your email..

You should receive an email response from prlsupport@nysprl.com acknowledging receipt of your submission. This message is not an automated reply. During peak reporting season (roughly mid-December through early February), the receipt email will generally be sent by the next business day; at other times of the year, it will be sent within a few days.

#### Conventional Mail

You may also mail a floppy disk(s), CD(s) or DVD(s) containing your report or send us a paper report.

For electronic reports each diskette, CD or DVD should include a label with the full name of the certified applicator and/or business of origin and a contact phone number.

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| Along with your application or sales files, electronic reports must also include the [identity file](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-IdentityFile). |

##### Mailing Address:

NYSDEC

Pesticide Reporting & Certification Section

P.O. Box 10699

Albany NY 12201-5699

**Please** do not submit both electronic and paper reports.

#### FTP

PRL report files may be submitted using FTP. Very few report submissions require FTP transmission. In almost all cases, one of the other submission methods will work as well and probably be more convenient for you. (We have not received any FTP submissions in the last several years.)

To maintain the level of security required, if you wish to use this service, you must contact [technical support](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Contact%2BUs). Technical support will supply the information necessary to conduct a secure FTP transmission of your report.

Notes

1. It is also possible to run the program by clicking on the executable file, *PRL\_eForms.exe* (Option A), *PRL\_OptionB.exe*, or *PRL\_OptionC.exe*.. The program is installed by default to C:\Program Files\NYSPRL, but you may have changed this setting to another folder during installation.
2. Form 26A does not include a copy button because each applicator row should be unique.
3. For Windows 2000, some additional updates to Microsoft Windows may be required before the “**Upload to NYSDEC**” function works.
4. Some (minor) functions are disabled in versions earlier than Excel 2003.
5. You may need to consult the help for your email program on how to do this, as the procedures can vary quite substantially. In addition this [FAQ](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=1802338) may be of some assistance.
6. While we may accept reports that were not created using our software or that do not completely comply with our specifications, you must include contact and identity information with all report submissions. If your software does not create an  [*identity.txt*](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-IdentityFile)  file, include contact information (contact name and phone number) in the body of the email. In addition, your report file(s) must include all [certification numbers](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-CertificationNumber) and [commercial permit numbers](#scroll-bookmark-173) (pesticide sales businesses only) for your organization.
7. Options A & B only
8. If this is the first time you have used the program, you will need to fill in some identifying and contact information on the [Registration form](http://sbdocs.psur.cornell.edu/display/PSBD/Glossary#Glossary-RegistrationForm).
9. Excel 2013 may be set to open the **Start Scree** **n** when started. If this is the case you will need to open a blank workbook in order to see the **File** menu.