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Pesticide specialists assign the Severity Index to each exposed human or animal entity, without regard to the Certainty Index, using these criteria:

No Effect

The person or animal did not develop any signs or symptoms as a result of the exposure.

Minor Effect

The person or animal developed some signs or symptoms, but they were minimally bothersome and generally resolved rapidly with no residual disability or disfigurement. A minor effect is often limited to the skin or mucous membranes, and often resolves in 24 hours. (e.g., self-limited gastrointestinal symptoms, drowsiness, skin or eye irritation, headache, dizziness, and transient cough).

Moderate Effect

The person or animal exhibited signs or symptoms that were more pronounced, more prolonged (>24 hours), or more systemic in nature than minor symptoms. Usually some form of treatment is indicated. Symptoms were not life-threatening, and the patient had no residual disability or disfigurement (e.g., corneal abrasion, high fever, disorientation, and isolated brief seizures.)

Major Effect

The person or animal exhibited signs or symptoms that were life-threatening or resulted in significant residual disability or disfigurement (e.g., repeated seizures, respiratory compromise requiring intubation, cardiac or respiratory arrest, and coma.)

Death

The person or animal died.