Worker Protection Rule

- Reviewing public comments & developing final rule

- Preparing for Final Agency Review (internal EPA) and USDA review - Spring 2015

- OMB review - Spring 2015

- Target for publication - late Summer/Fall 2015
Implementation & Outreach

- Engaging Regions, States and other stakeholders in outreach and implementation efforts

- Staged implementation
  - PREP Course: October 26-29, 2015 - Phoenix, AZ
  - Final rule publication: Issue implementation guidance for regions and states, issue revised FIFRA cooperative agreement guidance
  - 2016 - issue inspection guidance, publish fact sheets, develop PSAs, national and regional inspector trainings, interpretive guidance Q&A (as needed)
  - 2016 - early 2017: issue revised training materials for workers and handlers, safety posters, etc., publish Federal Register Notice announcing availability of materials
Certification of Pesticide Applicators
Rule: Status

- Completed internal EPA review

- FIFRA Review - USDA and Congress
  - USDA provided comments in December
  - EPA responded to USDA’s comments before sending the rule to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

- Scheduled transmission to OMB March 2015

- Proposed Rule publication expected Summer 2015
2015 Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training Workshop - Philadelphia, PA

- August 4-6, 2015, optional tours on August 3

- Hosted by Penn State University, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, NASDARF, and EPA

- Draft agenda, hotel information, and registration information on the website

http://ctaginfo.org/PACT2015
2015 Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training Workshop - Planning Committee

- Erin Bauer, University of Nebraska
- Betsy Buffington, Iowa State University
- Ed Crow, Penn State
- Sharon Gripp, Penn State
- Tamara James, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Linda Johns, Montana Department of Agriculture
- Leo Reed, Office of Indiana State Chemist
- Fred Whitford, Purdue University
- Kerry Richards, Penn State
- Carol Black, NASDARF
- Michelle Arling, EPA
Request For Applications

- Pesticide Worker Safety Training Cooperative Agreement (Coop)
- Pesticide Safety Education Program Funding Coop
- Applicator Certification Program Meetings Management Coop
- Worker Protection, Applicator Certification, Health Care Provider Initiative - General Support Coop
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CTAG Update

Working on:

- Limited Use Categories paper
- Recertification - synchronous and asynchronous delivery
- Using stories/case studies in training programs
- Resources for new employees
- Resource on labeling
- Accomplishment Report
CTAG - Resources

- Certification awareness brochure
- Certified Applicator Recertification Series
  - Internet Recertification
  - Content Criteria
  - Online Training: Course Design and Structure
  - Addressing Both Core and Category Topics in Training
  - Examples of Including Both Core and Category
- ADA Consideration in Applicator Certification
- Exam Security & Administration Manual
CTAG - GET INVOLVED!

- Soliciting new members - 1 SLA & 1 PSEP
  - Contact Michelle Arling (arling.michelle@epa.gov) for more information on applying

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