

EPA Update for AAPCO

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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
 - ▶ 2015 - early 2016: develop inspector materials, issue guidance, issue revised “How to Comply” and “Quick Reference Guide,” issue train-the-trainer materials
 - ▶ 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

Certification & Training Assessment Group Board (CTAG)

- ▶ Kevin Keaney - EPA - co-chair
- ▶ Ples Spradley - CES Arkansas - co-chair
- ▶ Jack Peterson - SLA Arizona - incoming co-chair
- ▶ Leo Reed - SLA Indiana
- ▶ Betsy Buffington - CES Iowa
- ▶ Don Renchie - CES Texas
- ▶ Gary Fish - SLA Maine
- ▶ Laurie Gordon - SLA Oregon
- ▶ Marjorie Lewis - SLA New Mexico
- ▶ Marty Pousson - SLA Louisiana
- ▶ Thia Walker - CES Colorado
- ▶ Kimberly Pope - CES Louisiana
- ▶ Michelle Arling - EPA HQ
- ▶ Richard Pont - EPA HQ
- ▶ Katy Wilcoxon - EPA Region 9

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
- ▶ <http://ctaginfo.org>