Association of American Pesticide Control Officials
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Issue: How to meet the challenges of implementing the agricultural worker protection regulation within the following timeline

Background:
• The revised Worker Protection Standard (WPS) delays compliance to give farmers, states and other stakeholders time to become familiar with the new requirements and to prepare for implementation.

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<td>Revised WPS becomes effective</td>
<td>Compliance required with most of the revised WPS</td>
<td>If EPA does not make revised WPS training materials available, deadline for new training content moves to 6 months after it is made available.</td>
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The high-level implementation strategy is to:
• Educate regional EPA staff and state and tribal staff on the programmatic and enforcement sides about the new provisions;
• Reach out with educational materials to the regulated community through the national, state and local commodity organizations;
• Reach out with educational materials to the farmworker community through contacts with farmworker advocacy organizations and media campaigns; and
• Lead the Federal Inter-Agency Task Force to work with other federal agencies to help them find ways to support the implementation of worker protection regulation – conference calls and meetings to be scheduled through February, March and April.

1. Priority Training for Regulatory Partners
• 11/15: Training for regional and OECA staff
• 12/15: National training for state & tribal program staff
• 2/16: Training for Region 10 states
• 3/16: Training for Region 7 states
• 3/16: Training for Region 5 states
• 4/16: Training for Region 8 states & tribes
• 4/16: Training for Region 2 states, territories
• 5/16: Training for Region 3 states
• 5/16: National training for inspectors
• 6/16: National training for state & tribal program staff
• 8/16: Training for Region 4 states

2. Meetings with Stakeholders
Meetings are face-to-face, conference call, or webinar. EPA HQ and Regions have been meeting with stakeholders, and continue to receive requests for more meetings. EPA HQ is keeping an updated list of such meetings and encourages regional partners to do the same. We will post a meetings spreadsheet on SharePoint for everyone to use.

3. Outreach/Education Material
• Available online: fact sheet; summary table comparing current and new
• Available via email and SharePoint: detailed table comparing current and new; long and short overview PowerPoint presentations; detailed presentations on specific topics
• 2–4/16: Quick Reference Guide; fact sheets on specific topics (e.g., respirator requirements, application exclusion zone, etc.)
• 7/16: Revised How to Comply Manual
• 10/16: Revised pesticide safety information poster

4. Compliance/Enforcement
• 4/16: Implementation & Inspector guidance for regions, states, tribes
• 7/16: Inspector pocket guidance

5. WPS Training Material
• 2/16: Develop process for approving non EPA developed training materials and train-the-trainer programs
• 5/16: Approve training materials developed by outside groups
• 10/16: Issue EPA developed worker and handler training materials and directory of EPA approved materials