Region 6 SFIREG Report submitted by Ryan Williams

On May 10th – 11th, 2016, Region 6 met in Albuquerque, NM for the Region 6 EPA/States/Tribe Spring meeting. In conjunction with this meeting a Pre-SFIREG meeting was held on May 10th. Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, the Cherokee Nation, and the Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council were represented at this meeting. Below are the topics of concern that Region 6 requested be presented at the June 13th – 14th, 2016 SFIREG meeting.

Section 18’s
- The amount of time for review, some states feel that it is taking too long for a decision to be made.
- Communication issues, it is hard to get any information as to where the application is in the process.

2, 4-D & Dicamba Crops
- States are concerned that there is seed planted and no approved label.
- What kind of issues are going to come about if or when producers use 2, 4-D and/or Dicamba products off label.

Label language/consistency
- Market labels vs. stamped accepted labels
  - It is hard to get answers when dealing with marketing language, claims and pictures on labels.
  - When a label is stamped with a conditions letter states would like to know whether the issues have been corrected.

WPS
- Waiting on resources to start training.
- All states agreed that an interpretive guidance is greatly needed.
- Concerns of repercussions for doing compliance assistance instead an enforcement action.