Revised Pesticide Applicator Certification Regulations
(40 CFR Part 171)

AAPCO Meeting
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Implementation Timeline

• The rule gives the certifying authority 3 years to submit revised certification plans demonstrating their compliance with the new requirements.

• If submitted within 3 years, existing plans remain in effect until EPA approves revised plan.

• Timeframe for implementation/compliance with revised certification plan will be decided on a case-by-case basis as part of EPA’s review and approval of each revised certification plan.
Certification Plan Submission & Review

- On-going discussions between EPA & states
- Encourage regions and states to engage pesticide safety education programs now
- EPA will issue certification plan guidance
- Will utilize CPARD for submission of revised plans and continued reporting
- Nationally coordinated plan review process to ensure consistency and identify plan issues
- Flexible implementation timeframes/options
C&T Rule Implementation

- EPA Regional Training: January 2017
- C&T PREP: April 2017
- AAPSE Annual Meeting: July 2017
- National C&T Workshops
  - Encourage regions to coordinate/combine
- EPA Biannual PACT Meeting: 2018
C&T (PAC) PREP Course

- Goal: participants develop working understanding of the rule revisions and what the changes mean
- Get issues, questions & grey areas on the table
- Homework: initial assessment & areas of interest (for breakout groups)
- For each major topic: what’s in final rule, what are states doing, discussion
- Basis for developing guidance, revising CPARD, refining process, etc.
EPA Consistency Workgroup

- Ensure approval process is consistent between regions
  - All regions + HQ (OPP, OECA, OGC)
- Develop guidance and needed documents
  - Forum for Q&As, checklists, assessments, etc.
- Share and resolve issues
- Coordinate review of first plan in each region
C&T Rule Implementation

• EPA/OPP/FEAD Cooperative Agreements will support rule implementation
  – Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC)
  – Pesticide Safety Education Program Funding
  – Meetings Management
    • National PACT meetings
    • National C&T workshops (e.g., state plan development, exam development, manual development, etc.)
For More Information

For additional information on the revisions to the Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule, please visit:


For additional information on issues related to C&T programs, see:

http://www.ctaginfo.org/
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