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About PIRT

The Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training (PIRT) program typically funds two national pesticide classroom courses a year for state, tribal, and territorial inspectors. In the past, the PIRT has covered the following topics:

- urban FIFRA issues
- advanced inspector skills
- agricultural use
- structural training
- fumigation
- product related trainings.

There is also a Tribal PIRT that is offered to federally-recognized tribes every other year, which is coordinated by a small tribal planning committee that changes with each Tribal PIRT.

General Summary

- PIRT website has general and steering committee information, a copy of the PIRT charter, and a table of previous and upcoming trainings with attached agendas. [https://www.epa.gov/compliance/pesticide-inspector-regulatory-training-pirt#main-content](https://www.epa.gov/compliance/pesticide-inspector-regulatory-training-pirt#main-content)
- PIRT Steering Committee assists host states with agenda development, if necessary
- Two courses were held in 2017, Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and Advanced Inspector Skills
  - Each course was held over a four-day period with a field component
  - A total of 125 state, tribe, and territory staff and managers participated in 2017 PIRTs
  - WPS training in Portland, Oregon: 58 participants, five tribes represented
  - Advanced Inspector Skills training in Savannah, Georgia: 67 participants, four tribes represented

Areas of Improvement

Standard host and attendee evaluations for every training

**Worker Protection Standard (WPS)** objective was to present the many facets of the WPS revisions including the definition changes, exemptions, exceptions, protection from application drift, worker and handler training, respirator requirements, HAZCOM, and mitigation measures. Special topics, including droplet size determinations and OSHA 1910.134 requirements, were also covered.

**Advanced Inspector Skills** objective was to focus on advanced inspector skills and included training related to enforcement case documentation, lab sample preservation, auxin herbicides, interviewing and communications skills, web-site documentation, new technologies in inspections, electronic inspection programs, along with updates from EPA.
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2018 Schedule for PIRT courses
Enforcement PIRT - Savannah, Georgia – June 10-14, 2018
Basic Inspector/Use concerns PIRT – Asheville, North Carolina – September 9-13, 2018
Tribal PIRT – Poplar, Montana – September 17-21, 2018