

IMPLEMENTATION DATES OF THE NEW WPS REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 2, 2017:

- ❖ Annual mandatory training for workers and handlers.
- ❖ No grace period to train workers (there has never been a grace period to train handlers).
- ❖ Recordkeeping of handler and worker training.
- ❖ Minimum age requirement of 18 years old for pesticide handlers or early-entry workers entering into a treated site before the REI has expired.
- ❖ Expanded mandatory posting of no-entry signs for outdoor production (e.g., farms, forests and nurseries) if the REI is greater than 48 hours.
- ❖ Recordkeeping and posting of pesticide application information and hazard information (i.e., SDS).
- ❖ Anti-retaliation protections strengthened.
- ❖ Requirements for medical evaluation, fit testing and specific training for use of respirators and the associated recordkeeping.
- ❖ Provide specific amounts of water to be used for routine decontamination.
- ❖ Provide water for emergency eye flushing for handlers at mixing/loading sites if protective eyewear is required by the pesticide product labeling.
- ❖ Continued exemption for owners and their immediate family with an expanded definition of immediate family.
- ❖ During pesticide applications, agricultural employers must keep workers and other persons out of the AEZ surrounding the pesticide application equipment within the establishment's property boundary.

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- ❖ Expanded training content for workers and handlers (January 2, 2018 or within 6 months of EPA making training materials available but not before January 2, 2018). Refer to Appendix B: Worker Protection Standard Criteria for worker and handler training content.
- ❖ The expanded content that must be included in the pesticide safety information display (safety posters). Refer to page 23.
- ❖ Suspending applications. The requirement for handlers to suspend applications if anyone, other than a trained and equipped handler involved with the application, is in the AEZ which can extend beyond the establishment's property boundary.

Until these 2015 revised WPS requirements become enforceable, the 1995 WPS regulations (subparts A, B and C of 40 CFR part 170) remain in effect.