

Implementing the WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD in California

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WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD

- The major changes to California's regulations after incorporating the federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS).
- These changes apply to the commercial or research production of agricultural plant commodities.

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Implementation Date

- Regulations adopted - Dec 26, 1996
- Implementation date - Jan 1, 1997

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MAJOR CHANGES (1)

- Trainer Qualifications
- Field Worker Training
- Notice of Application
- Posting in Addition to Notification
- Restricted Entry Interval (REI)



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MAJOR CHANGES (2)

- Decontamination Facilities
- Display Pesticide Safety Information
- Application Specific Information
- Crop Advisers



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NEW DEFINITIONS

- Assure.
- Coveralls.
- Display.
- Employer and employee.
- Field and treated field.



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TRAINER QUALIFICATIONS



Must be qualified to train
handlers and
field workers.

- Applies to research and production agriculture.

WHO CAN TRAIN HANDLERS?

- Certified Private Applicators (Permittees)
- Certified Commercial Applicators
- PCA's
- Farm Advisers
- Registered Professional Foresters
- County Biologists with a PUE License
- UC Statewide IPM trained instructors.
- 3CCR § 6724 (f)

WHO CAN TRAIN FIELD WORKERS?

- Those qualified to train handlers and
- Those with qualifications approved by the director.
- 3CCR § 6764 (e).

HANDLER TRAINING



- Employer “assures” employees have been trained.
- Before handling pesticides.
- Annually.
- Unless the employee is a certified applicator.

FIELD WORKER TRAINING

- Comprehensive pesticide safety training
 - before entering a “treated field”.
 - every 5 years.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

- In addition to current notification requirements, growers must give notification of applications
 - to own or contracted employees on, or
 - walking within 1/4 mile of
 - property to be treated,
 - during application and REI.
 - § 6618 (b).

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice of application



- **Greenhouses :**
 - by posting,
 - label will specify if oral notification is also required.
- **Fields :**
 - by oral notification and/or
 - by posting as specified in pesticide labeling.

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POSTING: FIELD AND GREENHOUSE, IN ADDITION TO NOTIFICATION

- Post all greenhouse applications.
- Post field applications when specified in pesticide labeling.
- California regulations still require posting for all pesticide applications with a REI greater than 7 days. §6772.

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POSTING: FIELD AND GREENHOUSE, IN ADDITION TO NOTIFICATION

- California's posting sign format is different from federal WPS (Stern face, upraised hand) format.



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RESTRICTED ENTRY INTERVAL (REI).

- Pesticide label will specify the REI.
- REI will generally vary from 4 hours to 72 hours.
- Certain pesticides on certain crops:
 - Extended REIs still apply. § 6772.

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HANDLER AND FIELD WORKER DECONTAMINATION FACILITIES

- Decontamination facilities, and
- Water for emergency eye wash
 - Handler requirements:
 - for all pesticide categories, and
 - all handling activities. § 6734.
 - Field worker requirements:
 - within 30 days after the REI expiration.
 - 3CCR § 6768.

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PESTICIDE SAFETY INFORMATION

- Revised PSIS convey basic pesticide safety information.
 - PSIS A-8 Handlers §6723
 - display at a central location.
 - PSIS A-9 Field Workers
 - display at worksite §6761.

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APPLICATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- Grower shall *display*
 - specific application information for own or contracted-
 - handler employees
 - field worker employees
 - when on the agricultural establishment
 - 24 hours after application and for 30 days after the end of the REI §6723.1.



CROP ADVISERS

- Crop advisers and persons performing crop adviser tasks under their direct supervision
- considered handlers.
- Exemptions *under certain conditions*, from
 - Decontamination facilities
 - Emergency medical care
 - Coveralls and other PPE
 - Field reentry
- § 6720

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