



WPS Implementation

**2018 National Pesticide Applicator Certification and Safety
Education Workshop**

EPA Office of Pesticide Programs

Certification and Worker Protection Branch

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Discussion Topics

- EPA's WPS implementation activities
- Identifying WPS implementation issues – group discussion
 - Different stakeholders
 - Communication/outreach
- How do we meet our goals?
- Questions and answers



WPS Implementation Timeline

9/28/2015
Revised WPS
final rule
signed

11/2/2015
Revised WPS
final rule
published in the
Federal Register.

1/2/2017
**Compliance
required with
most revised
WPS
requirements
except:**

- New content in worker and handler training
- New content in pesticide safety information display
- Responsibility for handlers related to the application exclusion zone

1/2/2018
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Required with:**

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Recent WPS Milestones

- December 2017 Federal Register Notice
 - No change to the 2017 & 2018 compliance dates
 - Planning to propose several changes
- June 2018 Federal Register Notice
 - Use training materials with expanded content by December 19, 2018
- WPS outreach and compliance assistance tools



Current WPS Implementation Work

- EPA ongoing WPS program and implementation activities
 - WPS labeling issues and questions
 - OIG audit of the WPS
 - Respirator labeling issues
 - Materials development and review
- Addressing incoming WPS rule questions
- Training, education and outreach – getting the word out



Addressing WPS Implementation Issues

- Use of Grants/Contracts
 - Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC)
 - Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP)
 - National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)
 - Others
- Extensive national WPS training effort



Identifying Other WPS Implementation Issues: Discussion

- EPA Regional Issues?
- State Lead Agency Issues?
 - Uncertainty about compliance dates in 2017
 - Impacts of proposed changes?
- Issues for Pesticide Safety Educators?
- Communications Issues?
 - Carrying out needed outreach, training and compliance assistance



Strategies for Addressing Identified WPS Issues: Group Discussion

- Collaboration Teams?
- Regional Centers?
- PREP/PIRT?
- Other Partnerships?
- Industry Support?
- Other ideas?

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Questions and Answers