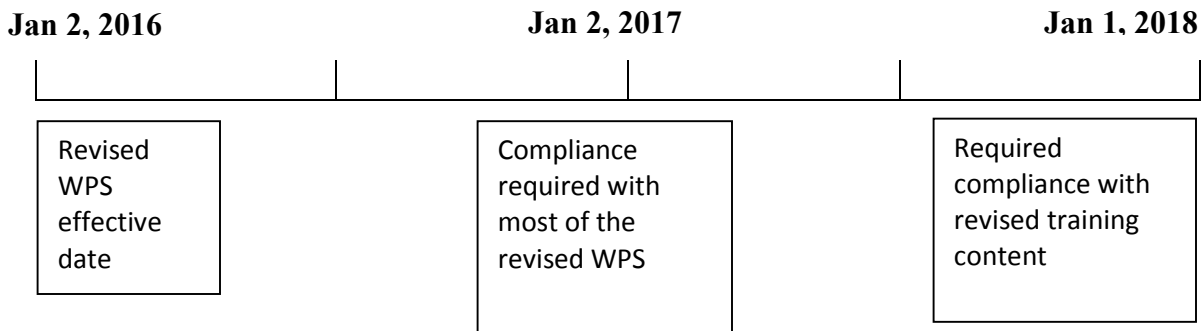


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Implementing the Revised Agricultural Worker Protection Regulation

- The revised Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) phases in compliance to give farmers, states and other stakeholders time to become familiar with the new requirements and to prepare for implementation.



Implementation strategy:

- Educate regional EPA staff and state and tribal staff on the programmatic and enforcement elements of the new provisions;
- Reach out with educational materials to the regulated community through the national, state and local commodity organizations;
- Reach out with educational materials to the farmworker community through contacts with farmworker advocacy organizations and media campaigns; and
- Lead the Federal Inter-Agency Task Force to work with other federal agencies to help them find ways to support the implementation of worker protection regulation.

1. Priority Training for Regulatory Partners

- Nov 2015: National training for regional programmatic and enforcement staff
- Dec 2015: WPS Pesticide Regulatory Education Program (PREP) course (national training for state, tribal & territory managers)
- Jan 2016: Training for Region 10 states
- Feb 2016: Training for Region 7 states
- Mar 2016: Training for Region 5 states
- Apr 2016: Training for Region 8 states & tribes
- Apr 2016: Training for Region 2 states & territories
- May 2016: Western Regional Meeting
- May 2016: Training for Region 1 states
- May 2016: WPS at the Compliance PREP course (state, tribal & territory managers)
- May 2016: Training for Region 3 states

- May 2016: WPS at the Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training course (state, tribal and territory inspectors)
- Jun 2016: WPS Implementation PREP course (state, tribal & territory managers)
- Aug 2016: Training for Region 4 states

2. Meetings with Stakeholders

Meetings are face-to-face, conference call, or webinar. EPA HQ and Regions have been meeting with stakeholders, and continue to receive requests for educational engagement.

3. Outreach / Education Material

- Available online: fact sheet; summary table comparing current and new
- Available via email and SharePoint: detailed table comparing current and new; long and short overview PowerPoint presentations; detailed presentations on specific topics
- In development: Quick Reference Guide; fact sheets on specific topics (e.g., respirator requirements, application exclusion zone, etc.); Revised How to Comply Manual; Revised pesticide safety information poster

4. Compliance / Enforcement material

- Implementation & Inspector guidance for regions, states, tribes
- Inspector pocket guidance

5. WPS Training Material

- Draft process for approving non EPA developed training materials and train-the-trainer programs; Approve training materials developed by outside groups; Issue EPA developed worker and handler training materials and directory of EPA approved materials