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FEDERAL WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD

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This fact sheet lists a variety of WPS resources available to assist in compliance with the Worker Protection Standard (WPS).

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Federal Worker Protection Standard Training Resources

EPA's 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 170 -- Worker Protection Standard (<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/safety/workers/PART170.htm>) this includes all amendments as of October 3, 1997.

The EPA *Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides How to Comply* – manual, prepared by EPA, provides the information necessary for employers to comply with the requirements of the 1992 WPS, but does not include subsequent revisions. It can be viewed as a scanned copy at <http://agensafety.tamu.edu/wps/epawps0.htm>. Please refer to the printed document from EPA for the actual legal guidelines. To order a printed version see Sources of WPS Resources below. WPS Amendments can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/workers/amendmnt.htm>.

WPS SUMMARY. *Summary of the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides* by Jack L. Runyan, USDA Economic Research Service, December 1993. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/ah719/ah719fm.pdf>

EPA's WPS Penalty Policy can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/civil/fifra/work-protect-rpt.pdf>.

Agricultural WPS 40 CFR Parts 156 & 170 Interpretive Policy addresses questions posed to EPA by the regional offices, state-lead pesticide agencies, and the public – <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/safety/workers/wpsinterpolicy.htm>.

EPA's National Agricultural Compliance Center (www.epa.gov/agriculture) offers a series of Worker Protection Standard factsheets

- WPS - Closed Systems: (<http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-98-017.pdf>) – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements for protecting people from pesticide exposure when they are using a “closed system” for mixing, loading, or applications
- WPS - Definition of a Pesticide Handler: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-98-029.pdf> – By explaining what types of workers are considered “pesticide handlers”

under this regulation, this fact sheet will help you understand who you must legally provide protections for.

- WPS - Equipment with Enclosed Cabs: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-98-025.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements for protecting people from pesticide exposure while they are working in vehicles that have enclosed cabs.
- WPS - Equipment Safety: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-98-023.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements for protecting people from pesticide exposure caused by faulty or contaminated equipment.
- WPS - Eyeflush Requirements: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-98-028.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements for ensuring that your employees have access to water for eyeflushing. The questions answered were submitted to EPA by people seeking clarification on this part of the regulation. The questions and answers were released by EPA's Office of Compliance on March 15, 1995.
- WPS - Monitoring and Special Instructions for Pesticide Handlers: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-98-030.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements for monitoring pesticide handlers and for informing handlers about the pesticides and equipment they are using.
- WPS - Posted Warning Signs: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-98-024.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements for posting signs to warn people about pesticide-treated areas. The questions answered here were submitted to EPA by people seeking clarification on this part of the regulation. The questions and answers were released by EPA's Office of Compliance on March 15, 1995.
- WPS - Q&A's on Central Posting on Large or Non-contiguous Establishments: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-01-013.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements for displaying information about pesticide applications. These questions were submitted to EPA by people seeking clarification on this part of the regulation, and have been answered by EPA's Office of Compliance.
- WPS - Q&A's on Information Displayed at a Central Location: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-01-012.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements for displaying information about pesticide applications. These questions were submitted to EPA by people seeking clarification on this part of the regulation, and have been answered by EPA's Office of Compliance.
- WPS - Information Commercial Handlers Must Provide to Growers: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-01-010.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements concerning the information that commercial handlers must provide to their customers about pesticide-treated areas. These questions were submitted to

EPA by people seeking clarification on this part of the regulation, and have been answered by EPA's Office of Compliance.

- WPS - Information Exchange Between Commercial Handlers and Growers When the Pesticide Is Not Applied as Scheduled: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-01-011.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements concerning the information that commercial handlers must provide to their customers when a pesticide application does not take place as scheduled. These questions were submitted to EPA by people seeking clarification on this part of the regulation, and have been answered by EPA's Office of Compliance.
- WPS - Central Posting When the Treated Area Has Moved Q&A's on Posting When the Treated Plant or Soil Has Been Sold or Moved: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-01-014.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements for displaying information about pesticide applications. These questions were submitted to EPA by people seeking clarification on this part of the regulation, and have been answered by EPA's Office of Compliance.
- WPS - Requirements for Grower/Family Protection: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/factsheets/epa-305-f-98-031.pdf> – This fact sheet will help you understand how to comply with WPS requirements for protecting yourself and your immediate family. The questions answered here were submitted to EPA by people seeking clarification on this part of the regulation. The questions and answers were released by EPA's Office of Compliance on March 15, 1995.

Sources of WPS Resources

Iowa State University Extension (ISUE) has WPS materials available and will provide one free copy to out-of-state individuals. Please contact ISUE at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ContactUs.aspx> or Iowa State University Continuing Education and Communication Services, Extension Distribution Center; Ames, Iowa 50011; Phone: (515) 294-5247; Email: pubdist@iastate.edu. Please provide them with the Reference number (RN#) when ordering

RN# - PAT 0012 *The Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides - How to Comply - What Employers Need to Know*

RN# - PAT 0012A *EPA: Worker Protection Standard Program Update - Five Amendments- April 1995*

RN# - PAT 0013 *Sources of Protective Apparel and Gear -- Personal Protective Equipment for Agriculture*

RN# - PAT 0014 *Sprayer Calibration Worksheet*

RN# - PAT 0015 *Duties of Ag Dealers That Employ Commercial Pesticide Applicators - A Quick Reference Guide to WPS (poster)*

RN# - PAT 0016 *Protect Yourself from Pesticides - Guide for Agricultural Workers/Protejase de los Pesticidas - Guia para los Trabajadores Agricolas*

RN# - PAT 0017 *Guide for Pesticide Handlers - Protect Yourself from Pesticides*

RN# - PAT 0017A *Protejase de los Pesticidas - Guia para los que Manejan Pesticidas*

RN# - PAT 0018 *EPA Safety Poster - Protect Yourself from Pesticides/Protejase de los Pesticidas*

- RN# - PAT 0018A *EPA WPS Safety Poster* (NCR 544) - Protect Yourself from Pesticides (English only, 11x17)
- RN# - PAT 0019 *Quick Reference Guide to the 1992 Worker Protection Standard* 17" x 22" poster
- RN# - PAT 0020 *A Guide to Heat Stress in Agriculture* – EPA
- RN# - PAT 0021 *Safety Training for Agricultural Workers - Protect Yourself from Pesticides*

GEMPLER'S WPS Reference Guide How to Comply. Includes complete official version of EPA's "How to Comply Manual" for employers plus technical information on pesticide safety, as well as a complete product guide for safety equipment and signage required for WPS compliance. 156 pages. Contains up-to-date addendum of WPS changes. Item No. EPA6 (\$5.60) Go to Gempler's Catalog - www.gemplers.com/ to order or call 800-382-8473 or fax 800-551-1128. Gempler's Inc. provides a wide variety of EPA-approved WPS materials such as English and/or Spanish training manuals & videos, flipcharts, decontamination supplies, as well as a broad range of personal protective equipment.

WPS Training Manuals:

- Reference Guide for EPA's Worker Protection Standard — Explains in detail what employers need to know to comply with the EPA Worker Protection Standard. Covers compliance on farm, forest, nursery and greenhouse operations.
- EPA's Protect Yourself from Pesticides - Guide for Agricultural Workers — Details WPS pesticide safety training criteria that employers must provide to workers on farm, forest, nursery and greenhouse operations. (English and Spanish)
- EPA's Protect Yourself from Pesticides - Guide for Pesticide Handlers — Details WPS pesticide safety training criteria that employers must provide to handlers in farm, forest, nursery and greenhouse operations. (English and Spanish)
- Pesticide Safety Training for Agricultural Workers - Trainer's Handbook — Provides trainer information regarding pesticide safety training requirement for WPS regulation. Information concerning training methods, training materials and EPA training verification card issuance and reporting.

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