



REGION 5 Farmworker Advocate WPS Training & Renewed State Relationships Workshop

State Lead (host)	States Invited (Farmworker Advocates, SLAs, Extension)	Date (2016)	Location
Michigan Migrant Legal Aid (Teresa Hendricks, Cindy Silva)	IL, IN, MI, OH	September 21, 2016	Animal Health Diagnostic Center, Lansing, MI

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Proposed Agenda

Workshop for IL, IN, MI, OH Training

Day 1 (Sept. 21)

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| 8:30 AM – 9:00 | Registration [refreshments] |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Welcome, Introductions, & Review Agenda [Donald Baumgartner (EPA R5), Teresa Hendricks (MLA), Antonio Castro-Escobar (MDARD)] |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | WPS Summary Part 1 [Donald Baumgartner, EPA R5 presenter] <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ General introduction, Scope/applicability, Exceptions, Exemptions, Definitions, Comparison to OSHA standards |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | BREAK [refreshments] |
| 10:45 - 11:30 | WPS Summary Part 1 Hazard Communication [Donald Baumgartner] <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Notification, Appl. Records, Info exchange, SDS & Appl. records, designated representative➤ Training, Minimum Age, Decontamination Supplies, Emergency Assistance, Pesticide Info Display,➤ Respirator Medical Evaluation, Fit Test, Training & Record Keeping➤ Application Exclusion Zones |

11:30 – 12:00	Review of WPS Revised Rule – Summary of Changes [Donald Baumgartner] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Comparison of Old vs New ➤ Compliance Dates ➤ EPA WPS Outreach & Training Materials
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch on site
1:00 - 2:30	Advocacy Operation Reports [10 minutes per organization] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Geographic Coverage; Responsibilities; Work Involving Farmworkers ➤ Past Farmworker Pesticide Safety Training Experience ➤ Response to Alleged/Reported Pesticide Exposures ➤ Retaliation complaints – response and follow-up ➤ Past relationships with SLA; Case referrals; Impediments
2:30 – 2:45	BREAK [refreshments]
2:45 - 3:45	State Lead Agency for Pesticide Regulation Reports [15 minutes per State] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Responsibilities; Work Involving Ag Employers & Farmworkers ➤ Past Farmworker Pesticide Safety Training Experience ➤ Procedure & Response to Alleged/Reported Pesticide Exposures ➤ Procedure for filing tips/complaints; significant information & evidence to gather in support of an investigation; language barriers ➤ Documentation and proof gathering for alleged retaliation ➤ Past relationships with advocates; Case referrals; Impediments
3:45 – 4:30	Improved WPS Compliance in Region 5: Further Discussion of Impediments, Areas of Improvement, Needed Tools/Assistance from SLAs or EPA, and Further Follow-up [Donald Baumgartner lead]
Concluding Remarks, Closing, Evening Restaurant Options? Next Steps?	
4:45 PM	Training Concludes [Safe Drive Home]

Training Tools Provided to Advocacy Organizations, States, Extension [in advance (1 week) electronically]:

- Final revised WPS
- OPP Comparison Chart of WPS old vs new
- OPP Updated Materials Timeline Chart
- All Newly developed WPS materials
- Copies of Slide Sets (or sets uploaded to the EPA web conferencing site for access)
- OSHA medical evaluation and respirator fit testing forms and criteria (web links and/or attachments as applicable)
- Guidance from State on filing pesticide complaints
- More??

Outcomes:

- Increased Knowledge of revised WPS requirements
- Knowledge of the available (or yet to be provided) EPA WPS outreach, implementation, training, & compliance tools
- Improved relationships between farmworker organizations
- Strengthened relationships between farmworker advocates and State pesticide regulatory agencies for cooperative pesticide safety training and reporting/investigating alleged farmworker pesticide exposures
- Process/procedure for filing pesticide complaints or human exposures clarified
- Start of further communications between advocacies and SLA/Extension for safety training or to expedite complaints of WPS noncompliance or alleged human exposures