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.

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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