

2017 NJ Agricultural Convention & Trade Show
(ie NJ Vegetable Growers Meeting)
Harrah's Resort Hotel Convention Center, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Hot Topic: Revised Worker Protection Standard (WPS)

9 am to noon

Wildwood 6&7

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised its 1992 Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) on November 2, 2015. Compliance requirements for agricultural employers and handler employers are effective on January 2, 2017; and later on January 1, 2018.

The purpose of the rule is to inform workers and handlers about potential pesticide exposure; protect them from exposures; and mitigate any exposures that they receive while doing their job.

The federal rule outlines requirements to inform (training, displays, notification); protect (restricted entry intervals, personal protective equipment, application exclusion zones); and mitigate (decontamination, emergency eyewash, emergency assistance).

This training will focus on the key revisions of the revised federal WPS to prepare you for the 2017 growing season, as well as be ready for the last 3 items required for the 2018 growing season. In particular, you will receive training to easily understand and successfully implement new respiratory protection provisions.

Each attendee will leave with a printed copy of the EPA "How to Comply with the 2015 Revised Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides - What Owners & Employers Need to Know" Manual, and [informed access to a tool kit](#) of compliance tools for the 2017 growing season!

Questions, Comments and Re-certification Credits

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