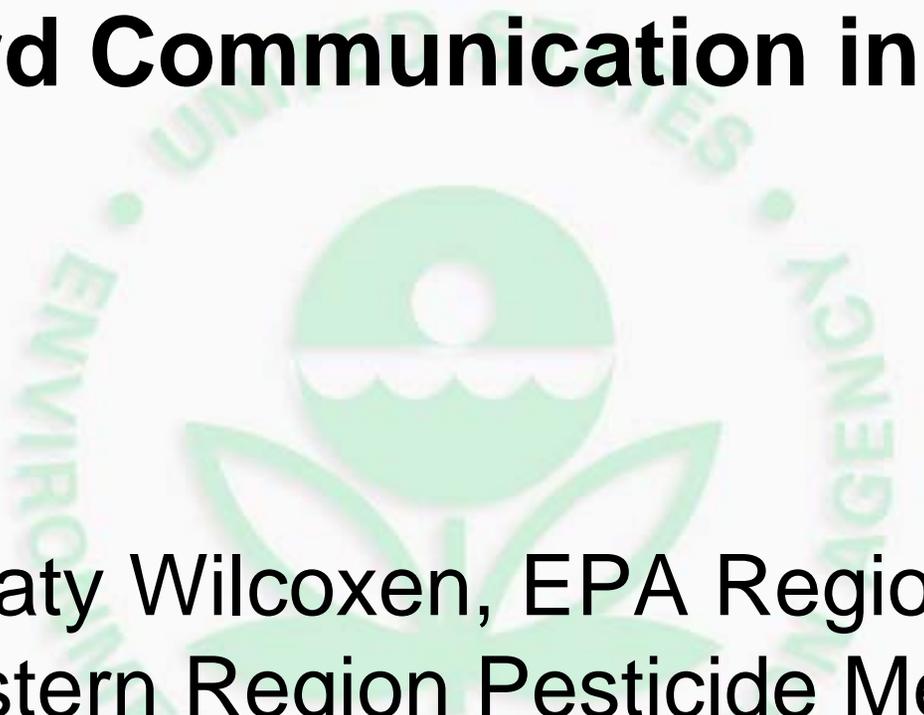




Hazard Communication in WPS



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Inform workers & handlers of hazards

Pesticide safety training

Access to labeling (handlers & early entry workers)

“Haz Com”

Pesticide safety poster

Display information at central location

Notify workers of treated areas

Information exchange



Pesticide Safety Information

[170.311(a)]

- Safety poster must be displayed at central location **and certain decontamination sites**
- Additional information required on display *[Delayed implementation]*
- No change in access -- “central location”₃



Keeping and displaying hazard information [170.311(b)]

- Who?
 - Agricultural employer
- What?
 - **Safety data sheet (SDS)**
 - Application information
 - Product name, EPA Reg No & active
 - **Crop or site treated**
 - Location & description of treated area
 - Date(s) and times **the application started & ended**
 - REI





Keeping and displaying hazard info

- When?
 - application information and SDS must be displayed
 - **No later than 24 hours after the end of the application**
 - Until 30 days after REI ends or workers/handlers no longer on establishment (whichever is earlier)
 - Before workers enter a treated area
 - **must be retain for two years**





How can a worker/handler access the info?

- While it is displayed or during retention period
- **Worker or handler** can request a copy
 - Ag employer must provide within 15 days
- **Treating medical personnel**
 - Ag employer must provide promptly
- **Designated representative**





Designated Representative Request

Must be in writing and contain:

- Name of the worker or handler
- Description of the information requested
 - Dates of employment
 - Type of work done during that period
 - Specific application info & SDSs requested
- Written statement designating the person to request the info on their behalf
- Ag employer must provide within 15 days.



Oral and Posted Notification of treated Areas [170.409(a) & (b)]

- Minor change to oral notification
- Key changes to warning sign requirements
 - **Enclosed-space** - post warning signs only when the REI is > 4 hours
 - **Outdoor production**- only when the REI is greater than 48 hours.
 - Post on the border of any **worker housing within 100 feet**
 - Must post prior to but no earlier than 24 hours before application (not a change).
 - Signs must be **removed or covered within three days** of the end of the application or REI, unless workers are kept out.



No change in the content or size of the warning sign



Information Exchange 170.309 and 170.313

Both agricultural employers and commercial pesticide handler employers are responsible for relaying information about pesticide applications to each other.



Information Exchange

Ag Employer Duties 170.309(k)

No changes

1. The specific location and description of any treated areas on the ag establishment where an REI is in effect the handler may be in (or walk within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of), and
2. Any restrictions on entering those areas.



Information Exchange: Key Changes to Commercial Pesticide Handler Employer Duties 170.313(i) & (j)

- Before the application of any pesticide on an ag establishment, provide ag employer application details **including the start and estimated end times** of the application.
- Provide **updated information prior** to the application: location, REI, type of notification, or other restrictions
- Provide changes to estimated end time and product name **within two hours** of completing the application.
- Changes to the estimated application end time of **less than one hour** need not be reported.



Questions?

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