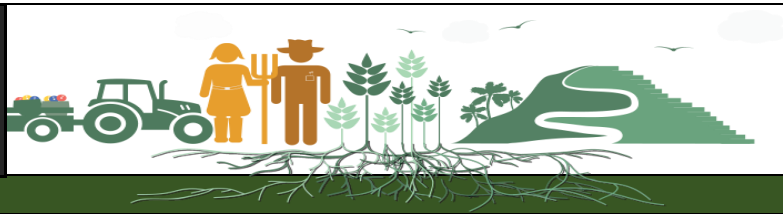


Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Mock Inspection Request



Agricultural Establishment Name:			
Contact Name:			
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This WPS mock inspection must be understood as a tool for addressing pesticide hazards, rather than an exhaustive statement of an employer’s legal obligations, which are defined by statute, regulations, and standards. Likewise, to the extent that this information references practices or procedures that may enhance health or safety, but which are not required by a statute, regulation, or standard, it cannot, and does not, create additional legal obligations. Finally, you can visit the Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA) to review information intended to assist you with compliance with the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) at <https://agriculture.az.gov/> or the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) website at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/agricultural-worker-protection-standard-wps>.

Upon completion of the mock inspection the agricultural establishment will receive a list of all potential violations, recommendations for correction, and enter into a grace period to allow time for corrections. It is the responsibility of the agricultural establishment to correct any area of non-compliance within the grace period. Should an official inspection by an inspector result in fines, violations, or any other punitive actions, **it is the sole responsibility of the agricultural establishment to ensure compliance with the WPS at all times.**

The “**Grace Period**” shall commence on the date of the mock inspection and expire at the end of 45 days. During this time should an inspector arrive at your agricultural establishment to perform a routine WPS inspection (unrelated to external triggers) the agricultural establishment can provide a copy of the mock inspection report and the inspector will not proceed with the inspection but reschedule for a future time.

Steps to a WPS Mock Inspection:

A mock inspection is conducted by the AZDA’s, Agricultural Consultation & Training (ACT) – Pesticide Field Consultant in the same manner as an actual inspection.

In general, it consists of the Consultant reviewing records, interviewing appropriate employees, and conducting a walkthrough. Upon arrival, the Consultant will present two forms regarding the inspection. He or she will then conduct a meeting regarding the overall logistics of the inspection and walkthrough. Once the mock inspection is concluded the Consultant will review the findings and recommendations during the closing conference. A follow-up report will be sent via email as well. Overall, the mock inspection should take about an hour depending on questions and the establishment size. For reference, an actual inspection takes a similar amount of time to conduct.

Mock Inspections by the Arizona Department of Agriculture’s, Agricultural Consultation and Training (ACT) program provides growers with a useful tool to assist them in complying with federal and state Worker Protection Standard (WPS) regulations. Through these inspections, growers can identify compliance issues and familiarize themselves with what to expect. As a result, growers can be better prepared for actual inspections, increase work place safety, and avoid disciplinary actions by the Arizona Department of Agriculture, Environmental Services Division (ESD). **To request a mock inspection fill this form and send it to rrios@azda.gov.** For questions call (602) 542-0985 or for more information visit us online at: <https://agriculture.az.gov/>.

