

# WPS Resources and Next Steps

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# A new 5-year Cooperative Agreement

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Year 1 – Focus on WPS materials

Year 2 – Focus on new C & T materials, which may be necessary because of the new rule

Years 3 – 5 – To be determined...

# Who is involved?

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## Co-Investigators:

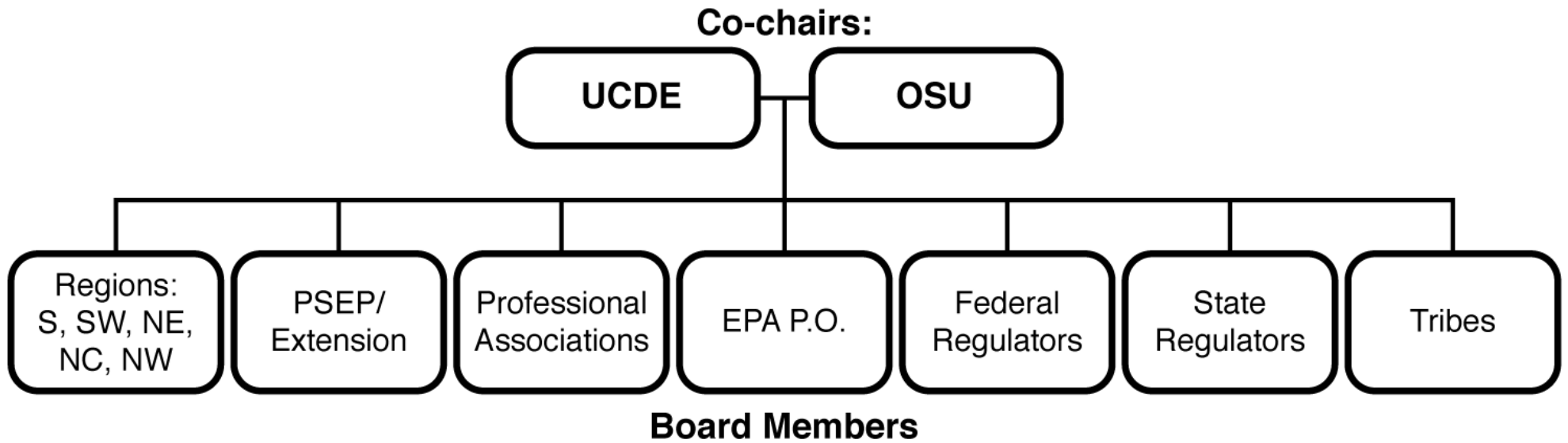
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# PERC Advisory Board



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# Immediate needs identified

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- 1) How to Comply Manual
- 2) Train-the-Trainer manuals & modules
- 3) AEZ explanation materials
- 4) Respirators 101
- 5) Hazard Communication timelines
- 6) Clearinghouse of Training Materials
- 7) Does WPS apply? Decision-tree
- 8) Updated central posting materials
- 9) Videos for training workers
- 10) Videos for training handlers

# Immediate Short Guides – in progress

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1) Timeline of WPS Implementation

6) Decontamination

2) Personal Protective Equipment

7) Family Exemption

3) Respirator Use

8) Training

4) Hazard Communication

9) Posting

5) Protections for Workers



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## Project Status

<b>Project:</b>	<b>Status:</b>	<b>Tentative availability</b>
How to Comply with the WPS - Manual	In Development	October, 2016
Train the Trainer Manual	Building the team	November, 2016
Train the Trainer Online Modules	Building the team	November, 2016
Train the Trainer Hands-on Curriculum	Building the team	November, 2016
WPS Interactive Website	In Development	July 2016
Videos for Training Workers	Collaboration in progress	Unknown
Videos for Training Handlers	Collaboration in progress	Unknown
Updated Central Posting Materials	Scoping for best practices	March, 2017
Clearinghouse of WPS Training Materials	In Development	July, 2016
Respirators 101	Collaboration in Progress	Unknown


# Who's doing what?

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- 1) How To Comply Manual – Janet Fults is lead author, Amy Bamber is coordinating edits
- 2) Train-the-Trainer modules, manual, and hands-on elements – Soliciting the team now
- 3) WPS interactive website and clearinghouse of training materials – OSU, hoping for June
- 4) Respirators 101 – OR-OSHA (G. Cooke and K. Kincade) taking the lead
- 5) Videos for training workers, handlers – PERC is working with ODA/Region 10/OR-OSHA and Penn State University to leverage existing projects

# Working together with...

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- 1) The “Meetings Grant” – PACT meetings/workshops, etc.
  - 2) The “National Farmworker Training Grant” - AFOP
  - 3) EPA Contractors – Variations on new materials in additional languages, formats, etc.
  - 4) State Lead Agencies, PSEP leaders, Farmworker advocates
  - 5) Subject matter experts, competitively selected production professionals
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# Are you a subject matter expert?

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PERC will post opportunities for paid and/or unpaid work at:

[www.pesticideresources.org/solicitations](http://www.pesticideresources.org/solicitations)

Let us know you're interested in being notified!

Email Cameron at UCDE: [hughesc@ace.orst.edu](mailto:hughesc@ace.orst.edu)

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# WPS Resources and Next Steps Inspection Guidance

Western Regions Pesticide Meeting  
May 17-19

# WPS Inspection Guidance – What's new?

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## ❖ Organization

- Introduction
- Types of Inspections
- Types of regulated establishments
- Pre-inspection planning (new)
- Conducting the inspection (including record review)
- Post inspection (new)



# WPS Inspection Guidance

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- ❖ Concept of Focused Inspections
  - Focused inspections would cover subset of the WPS requirements (not comprehensive)
  - Required minimum elements
- ❖ Issues
  - More efficient use of resources?
  - Reach more regulated establishments?
  - Focus on critical elements, guide training, assistance

# WPS Inspection Guidance

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Next Steps/Schedule:

PIRT helped flesh out the guidance

Adding

- How to evaluate compliance with AEZ, respirator requirements, decontamination supplies
- Tips e.g., questions to ask, documentation
- Examples
- Tools (e.g., Inspection checklist, sample documents)

Draft guidance to states before SFIREG (June 13-14)

# WPS Inspection Guidance

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# EPA's Outreach and Implementation

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## Educate Regulators

- Develop broad understanding of WPS revisions among OPP & regional staff and state/tribal inspectors & program leads and pesticide safety educators

## Stakeholder Outreach

- Ensure stakeholders understand the WPS revisions, impacts and the timeline for implementation: regulated community, farmworker advocates and other NGOs; coordinate with other federal agencies

## Materials Development

- Ensure that regulators, the regulated community and other stakeholders have the information they need to implement the WPS revisions: presentations, webinars, FAQs, fact sheets, How to Comply Manual, Inspector Guidance

## Implement Pesticide Safety Training

- Ensure that updated pesticide safety training materials are available by June 2017 and that we have processes in place to approve train-the-trainer programs and pesticide safety training material

# HQs Grants and Contracts

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## **New 5-year cooperative agreements**

- National farmworker training
- Resource development
- Meeting support & facilitation
- Pesticide safety education program funds distribution



## **New contracts**

- WPS outreach to Hispanic audience
- WPS outreach & marketing to other audiences

## Outreach/Educational Material

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### **Available in 2015**

- Summary tables (English & Spanish); overview PPTs, detailed PPTs on specific topics

### **April 2016**

- FAQs and AEZ fact sheet/interpretative guidance

### **June/July 2016**

- Quick reference guide, fact sheets on specific topics, more interpretive guidance & FAQs, interactive web site

### **Fall 2016**

- More fact sheets and How to Comply Manual

# WPS Pesticide Safety Training

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## **May 2016**

- Process for approving train-the-trainer programs

## **Late Summer/Fall 2016**

- Process for approving training materials

## **2017**

- Distribute EPA's worker and handler WPS pesticide safety training materials (absolute deadline = July 1, 2017)

# Questions/Discussion

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