PREP NETWORK
Pesticide Regulatory Education Program

Comprehensive WPS Course Agenda

June 26-29, 2023
Davis, California
Please note: All times listed on the agenda are in Pacific Time

Monday, June 26th: WPS Rule Overview

Dress Code: "Alma Mater Monday"

7:30 am	Refreshments and Check In.
8:00 am	Welcoming Remarks. *Rick Keigwin, Deputy Assistant Administrator, US EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP).*
8:10 am	Course Overview and Logistics. *Cindy Wire, PREP Coordinator, US EPA OCSPP;* *Lisa Blecker, PREP Administrator, Colorado State University (CSU).*
8:20 am	Icebreaker and Introductory Exercise. *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
9:30 am	EPA's Organizational Structure. *Cindy Wire, US EPA OCSPP.*
9:50 am	**Break.**
10:05 am	Nuts and Bolts of the WPS Rule. *Ryne Yarger, Certification and Worker Protection Branch, US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP).*
11:20 am	Group Discussion: Clarification Regarding Rule Requirements. *Facilitators: Ryne Yarger, Certification and Worker Protection Branch, US EPA OPP;* *Aidan Black, Certification and Worker Protection Branch, US EPA OPP.*
11:45 am	**Group Photo.**
12:00 pm	**Lunch.**
12:00 pm	**Headshots.**
1:00 pm	Coregulator WPS Cooperative Agreement Requirements. *Katy Wilcoxen, Worker Safety Program Manager, US EPA Region 9.*
1:45 pm	Enforcement Overview of the WPS Rule. *Mike Bellot, Associate Division Director, Office of Civil Enforcement (OCE), US EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA).*
2:45 pm	**Break.**

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3:00 pm	Group Discussion: Successes and Challenges in the Field. *Alyssa Foss, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; Nevlin Williams, Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources; Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
4:00 pm	Breakout Discussion: What are Your Biggest Concerns or Needs Implementing the WPS Rule Requirements? *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
5:00 pm	Adjourn.

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Tuesday, June 27th: Inspections and Investigations Considerations and Challenges

Dress Code: "Tie Dye Tuesday"

7:30 am	Refreshments and Check In.
8:00 am	AEZ Discussion: Requirements as Part of the WPS Rule. *Aidan Black, Certification and Worker Protection Branch, US EPA OPP.*
8:45 am	Effective Prioritization of WPS Inspections. *Liz Vizard, Acting Division Director, Office of Compliance (OC), US EPA OECA.*
9:45 am	**Break.**
10:00 am	Tier I and Tier II Inspections: What's Working and What's Not? *Liz Vizard, Acting Division Director, OC, US EPA OECA.*
11:00 am	Inspections and Investigations: What are the Considerations and Challenges? *Pat Farquhar, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;* *Gregorio Mendez-Ortega, Minnesota Department of Agriculture;* *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
12:00 pm	**Lunch.**
1:00 pm	Best Practices for Evaluating Which WPS Cases to Move Forward. *Mike Bellot, Associate Division Director, OCE, US EPA OECA.*
2:00 pm	Discussion: Do Agricultural Employers Understand the Requirements? *Facilitator: Aidan Black, Certification and Worker Protection Branch, US EPA OPP.*
3:00 pm	**Break.**
3:15 pm	Reducing the Fear of Retaliation and Increasing Violation Reporting. *Ann Schaffner, California Department of Pesticide Regulation;* *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
4:00 pm	How do SLAs Work with Physicians and Poison Control Centers? *Diana Simmes, Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative – Medical;* *Lucy Graham, Pesticide Illness Surveillance Program, California Department of Pesticide Regulation;* *Michel Oriel, Pesticide Illness Surveillance Program, California Department of Pesticide Regulation;* *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
5:00 pm	Adjourn.

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Wednesday, June 28th: Coregulator Experiences with WPS

Dress Code: "Work from Home Wednesday"

7:30 am	Refreshments and Check In.
8:00 am	Group Discussion: How do Inspectors Handle Challenges Beyond their Scope of Work? *Ricardo Davalos, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;* *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
9:00 am	Experiences Tackling Challenging Cases. *Antonio Castro-Escobar, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;* *Matt Kohan, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture;* *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
10:00 am	**Break.**
10:15 am	Breakout Discussion: Identify the Three Most Challenging Aspects of Implementing the WPS Rule. *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
11:30 am	Field Trip Discussion and Directions. *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
12:00 pm	**Boxed Lunch.**
12:00 pm	**Load Bus.**
1:00 pm	Field Trip. *Napa Valley.*
5:00 pm	Adjourn.

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Thursday, June 29th: Training and Outreach Materials

Dress Code: "Throwback Thursday"

7:30 am	Refreshments and Check In.
8:00 am	Overview of WPS Training Requirements. *Ryne Yarger, Certification and Worker Protection Branch, US EPA OPP.*
9:00 am	WPS Training Materials and Resources. *Suzanne Forsyth, Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative Director, UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education.*
9:45 am	**Break.**
10:00 am	How to Identify and Address Language and Cultural Barriers When Conducting Training or Enforcement Activities. *Africa Dorame-Avalos, Pesticide Program Manager, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona;* *Cameron Bishop, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;* *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
11:00 am	Experiences Working with Community-Based Organizations to Amplify Training. *Fabiola Estrada, Project Officer, US EPA Region 9;* *Adam Williams, State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture;* *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
12:00 pm	**Lunch.**
1:00 pm	Successes and Challenges of Implementing Respirator Requirements. *Ryne Yarger, Certification and Worker Protection Branch, US EPA OPP.*
2:00 pm	Breakout Session: Ways to Improve WPS Training Effectiveness. *Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU.*
3:00 pm	**Break.**
3:15 pm	Discussion: What Additional Materials Would be Beneficial for Your Staff or External Use? *Facilitator: Suzanne Forsyth, UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education.*
3:45 pm	WPS PPE Fashion Show. *Facilitator: Cindy Wire, US EPA OCSPP.*
4:30 pm	Action Items and Wrap-Up. *Facilitator: Cindy Wire, US EPA OCSPP.*
4:40 pm	Travel. *Sarah Hirnyck, CSU.*

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4:50 pm	Final Thoughts and Acknowledgments.
	Lisa Blecker, CSU.
5:00 pm	Adjourn.
6:00 pm	Group Dinner.
	Village Pizza and Pints.

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