

Comprehensive Combo Course Agenda

August 4-7, 2025

Fort Collins, Colorado

Please note: All times listed on the agenda are in Mountain Time

Monday, August 4th: Co-regulator Relationships and Communication

Dress Code: Monochromatic Monday

7:30 am	Refreshments and Check In
8:00 am	Welcoming Remarks <i>Kelly Friend, President, American Association of Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO)</i>
8:10 am	Course Overview and Logistics <i>Cindy Wire, PREP Coordinator, US EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP)</i> <i>Lisa Blecker, PREP Administrator, Colorado State University (CSU)</i>
8:20 am	Icebreaker and Introductory Exercise <i>Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU</i>
9:30 am	EPA's Organizational Structure <i>Cindy Wire, US EPA OCSPP</i>
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	Panel: State and Tribal Organizations <i>Kelly Friend, Agricultural Environmental Services Director, Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services</i> <i>Kristen Lashley, Program Director, Alabama Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Africa Dorame-Avalos, Pesticide Program Manager, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona</i> <i>Allison Cuellar, Structural Pest Control Services Coordinator, Texas Department of Agriculture</i>
11:30 am	Group Photo
11:45 am	Lunch
11:45 am	Headshots
12:45 pm	FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance Basics <i>Cindy Wire, US EPA OCSPP</i>
1:30 pm	End of Year Reporting <i>Cindy Wire, US EPA OCSPP</i> <i>Michael Bauman, Inspector and Interdisciplinary Scientist, US EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA)</i>

2:15 pm	Quality Assurance Process for FIFRA Cooperative Agreements <i>Kevin Martin, FIFRA Project Officer, EPA Region 8</i>
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Group Exercise: FIFRA Cooperative Agreements <i>Facilitator: Cindy Wire, US EPA OCSPP</i>
3:45pm	Breakout Groups: What Questions Do You Have Regarding the FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance or Co-regulator Communication? <i>Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU</i>
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Tuesday, August 5th: Pesticide Regulation and Registration Basics

Dress Code: *Tropical Tuesday*

7:30 am	Refreshments and Check In	
8:00 am	Pesticide Registration Basics <i>Jen Gaines, Senior Regulatory Specialist, US EPA Office Pesticide Programs (OPP)</i>	
9:00 am	Special Registrations and Exemptions <i>Jen Gaines, Senior Regulatory Specialist, US EPA OPP</i>	
10:00 Break		
10:15 am	Tolerance Basics <i>Jen Gaines, Senior Regulatory Specialist, US EPA OPP</i>	
11:15 am	Group Discussion: Questions and Issues Regarding Pesticide Registrations <i>Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU</i>	
12:00 pm Lunch		
1:00 pm	Panel: Relationship with Pesticide Safety Education Programs <i>Sam Anderson, Environmental Services Division Director, Kentucky Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Warren Hanson, Pesticide Analytical Response Center Coordinator, Oregon Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Kenzie Bradshaw, Project Coordinator, Georgia Department of Agriculture</i>	
2:00 pm	FIFRA Implementation in Indian Country <i>Kevin Martin, FIFRA Project Officer, EPA Region 8</i> <i>Africa Dorame-Avalos, Pesticide Program Manager, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona</i>	
3:00 pm Break		
3:15 pm	Panel: UAS/UAV Application Technology <i>Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU</i> <i>Cindy Wire, US EPA OCSPP</i> <i>Zach Szczukowski, Agricultural Resource Management Specialist, Vermont Agency of Agricultural Food & Markets</i>	
4:15 pm	Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC) UAS/UAV Task Force <i>Suzanne Forsyth, Director of PERC, University of California - Davis</i>	
5:00 pm	Adjourn	

Wednesday, August 6th: Addressing Communication Issues

Dress Code: *Wildlife Wednesday*

7:30 am	Refreshments and Check In
8:00 am	Approaching Challenging Conversations About Pesticides <i>Sabrina Slagowski-Tipton, Managing Director, Center for Public Deliberation, CSU</i>
9:00 am	Communication Scenario Practice <i>Sabrina Slagowski-Tipton, Managing Director, Center for Public Deliberation, CSU</i>
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	Strengthening Interagency and Public Communication about Pesticides <i>Warren Hanson, Pesticide Analytical Response Center Coordinator, Oregon Department of Agriculture</i>
11:00 am	Group Discussion: Communication Issues <i>Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU</i>
11:30 am	Field Trip Discussion and Directions <i>Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Field Trip <i>USDA-ARS National Laboratory for Genetic Resources (NLGRP)</i>
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Thursday, August 7th: Pesticide Enforcement Basics and Hot Topics

Dress Code: Throwback Thursday

7:30 am	Refreshments and Check In
8:00 am	Primacy <i>Royan Teter, Senior Advisor, US EPA OECA</i> <i>Emma Cross, Attorney Advisor, US EPA OECA</i>
9:00 am	Co-regulator Enforcement Requirements <i>Michael Bauman, Inspector and Interdisciplinary Scientist, US EPA OECA</i>
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	Panel: Key Enforcement Issues <i>Maxwell Bendes, Environmental Health Specialist, Hawai'i Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Kenzie Bradshaw, Project Coordinator, Georgia Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Michelle Lee, Senior Compliance Officer, Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services</i> <i>Alexander Lehman, Certification and Training Coordinator, Maryland Department of Agriculture</i>
11:30 am	Group Discussion: Enforcement Issues <i>Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	ESA Outreach to the Regulated Community <i>Nicole Zinn, Team Leader, US EPA OPP</i> <i>Warren Hanson, Pesticide Analytical Response Center Coordinator, Oregon Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Alexander Lehmann, Certification and Training Coordinator, Maryland Department of Agriculture</i>
2:00 pm	Overview of EPA's Endangered Species Mitigation Menu, Bulletins, Strategies <i>Melanie Biscoe, Senior Regulatory Advisor, US EPA OPP</i>
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm	ESA Organizations and Their Resources <i>Harris Walters, Environmental Consultant, Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services</i> <i>Allison Cuellar, Structural Pest Control Services Coordinator, Texas Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Lisa Blecker, CSU</i>

4:00 pm	Group Discussion: What are the Biggest Concerns and the Greatest Needs for ESA Outreach? <i>Facilitator: Lisa Blecker, CSU</i>
4:30 pm	Travel <i>Lisa Blecker, CSU</i>
4:40 pm	Action Items and Wrap-Up <i>Cindy Wire, US EPA OCSPP</i>
4:50 pm	Final Thoughts and Acknowledgments <i>Lisa Blecker, CSU</i>
5:00 pm	Adjourn
6:00 pm	Group Dinner <i>Avogadro's Number</i>