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Pesticide Worker Protection Standards have changed!!!

New revisions of the Worker Protection Standards take effect January 2, 2017 while others take effect January 2, 2018.

NYDEC Region 8 Pesticide Control Specialist, Chris Wainwright will be doing the updates on the new revisions.

The major revisions include:

- ◆ Annual mandatory training to inform workers and handlers about the required protections afforded to them.
- ◆ Expanded training that includes instructions to reduce take-home exposure from pesticides on work clothing and other safety topics.
- ◆ Anyone under 18 years old are prohibited from being a pesticide handler or doing early-entry work during a restricted-entry interval (REI).
- ◆ Expanded mandatory posting of no-entry signs for outdoor production (e.g., farms, forests, and nurseries) if the REI is greater than 48 hours.

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- ◆ New application exclusion zones (AEZ) up to 100 feet surrounding pesticide application equipment intended to protect workers and others from pesticide exposure during pesticide applications.
- ◆ Providing more than one way for workers and handlers to gain access to pesticide application information and safety data sheets-centrally-posted or by requesting records themselves, through medical personnel or through a designated representative.
- ◆ If a respirator is required by the labeling, the employer must provide the handler with a medical evaluation, fit testing, and respirator training in compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) Respiratory Protection Standard.
- ◆ Mandatory record-keeping to improve states' ability to follow up on pesticide violations and enforce compliance. Records of application-specific pesticide information, safety data sheets (SDS), worker/handler pesticide safety training and respirator medical evaluations, fit testing, and respirator training must be kept for 2 years.
- ◆ Anti-retaliation provisions that are comparable to the U.S. Department of Labor.
- ◆ If protective eyewear is required by the labeling, the employer must provide water for emergency eye flushing for handlers at pesticide mixing/loading sites.

- ◆ Expanded definition of immediate family and criteria for agricultural establishments that are eligible for the exemption for owners and their immediate families.
- ◆ Replaced the term "greenhouse" with "enclosed space production", which includes greenhouses, mushroom houses, hoop houses, high tunnels, and grow houses.

Pesticide recertification credits will be available.

Program fee is \$15.00 per person.

To register: Fill out the tear-off form (on the reverse side), mail registration form and

check to: Cornell Cooperative Extension
WPS
480 North Main Street
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OR: Call 585-394-3977 x 427, email nea8@cornell.edu with your name, address, phone, and number of people attending.

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Pesticide Worker Protection Standards

\$15.00/ person x# attending _____ x \$15.00= \$ _____

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Name (s) _____

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1:00 pm—2:30 pm

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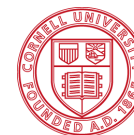
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