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# Strategic and Implementation Plans for School Integrated Pest Management

This document addresses the Environmental Protection Agency's strategic approach and implementation plans for school Integrated Pest Management (IPM) over a three-year timeframe - fiscal years 2012 through 2014.

## Plan Provisions

- Background of EPA's past involvement in school IPM.
- Rationale for the Agency's 2010 School IPM Initiative.
- Mission and vision statement.
- Roles of the EPA Regional School IPM Coordinators and Center of Expertise in the strategic approach.
- Program objectives.
- Implementation plan with general school IPM activities intended to achieve the objectives. (Specific activities will be included in the Regional, Headquarters and Center of Expertise action plans.)



## School IPM Objectives

- Establish a Center of Expertise for School IPM.
- Assist school systems in establishing sustainable IPM programs by providing technical assistance, tools, and informational resources.
- Create ways to communicate with, document interactions with, and report progress made with schools.
- Enhance stakeholder involvement with the National and Regional School IPM Working Groups.
- Formalize a broad stakeholder group into a working network by leveraging the network to increase national results and recruit new school districts and school-related organizations into the network.
- Strengthen collaborative relationships with Federal partners to leverage our efforts.
- Align the school IPM program with the Office of Children's Health Protection's Healthy Schools Program.



## Implementation Plan

- Emphasizes a *wholesale* approach to school IPM activities that will empower others, expand the family of school IPM allies, and leverage resources.
- Provides flexibility to allow for appropriate *retail* activities such as working directly with schools.
- Organize activities into a tiered approach, based on programmatic resources.

