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Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee Meeting



**State Lead Agency Presentation
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State Lead Agency Consultation

◆ Consultation to Date

- Provided input on scope of regulation changes
- Prioritized issues that need further discussion
- Identified issues not considered by EPA

◆ Future Consultation

- Review issue papers, draft regulations and supporting documents at critical junctures

◆ Coordination

- Solicit input from American Association of Pesticide Control Officials Worker Protection Committee members

State Lead Agency Input to Date

Scope of Regulation Changes

High Priority for Further Discussion-Applicator Certification

- Expand users required to demonstrate competence
 - Significant impact depending on scope
 - Consider option to require training for some occupations
- Better define “under-the-supervision”
 - Recommend a tiered approach based on risks

State Lead Agency Input to Date

Scope of Regulation Changes

High Priority for Further Discussion-Applicator Certification - Continued

- Require field worker trainers to be competent
 - Significant impact
 - Consider option to establish training/teaching tools criteria into the training program
- Require testing for occupational users
 - Need to evaluate the scope of applicators and potential risks to each group
 - Consider option of adding a training requirement in lieu of certification for some groups

State Lead Agency Input to Date

Scope of Regulation Changes

High Priority for Further Discussion- Worker Protection

- Ensure meaningful hazard communications
 - Need to obtain information from field workers on the type of information requested and the delivery system that best meets the worker's needs (Pilot Projects)
- Require trainers to demonstrate competency
 - Consider option to establish training/teaching tools criteria into the training program
 - Need to evaluate comparable program requirements for other industries

State Lead Agency Input to Date

Scope of Regulation Changes

High Priority for Further Discussion- Worker Protection

- Continued
- Require handlers to demonstrate competency
 - Need to evaluate the scope of handler activities (Cat I versus III)
 - Consider option to require training for some occupations

Closing Remarks

- ◆ **State Lead Agencies appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process**
- ◆ **Input is focused on worker safety and certification program improvements that are needed**
- ◆ **Critical that the regulation changes can be implemented with the resources provided**
- ◆ **Look forward to reviewing the details of the proposals to identify any impacts to our regulatory programs**