

**EPA WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD (WPS)
COUNTDOWN TO COMPLIANCE ...**

AUGUST
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- Emergency first aid for pesticide injuries or poisonings.
- How to obtain emergency medical care.
- Need for and appropriate use of protective clothing.
- Prevention, recognition, and first aid treatment of heat-related illness.
- Safety requirements for handling, transporting, storing, and disposing of pesticides, including general procedures for spill clean up.
- Environmental concerns such as drift, runoff, and wildlife hazards.
- Explanation of the WPS requirements designed to protect workers such as notification

of application and entry restrictions, availability of information about applications, and all other necessary precautions.

The person who conducts the training for handlers must:

- Currently be certified applicator of restricted use pesticides, or
- Have completed a pesticide safety train-the-trainer program approved by the state or federal agency having jurisdiction.

Due to the similarities in training, employees who have been trained as handlers do not have to be trained as workers. However, employees who have received training that meets the criteria for workers must receive additional training before they perform handler related tasks.

EPA approved training materials are available free of charge, or on an on-loan basis at all county Cooperative Extension offices, and for sale through private suppliers such as Gempler's

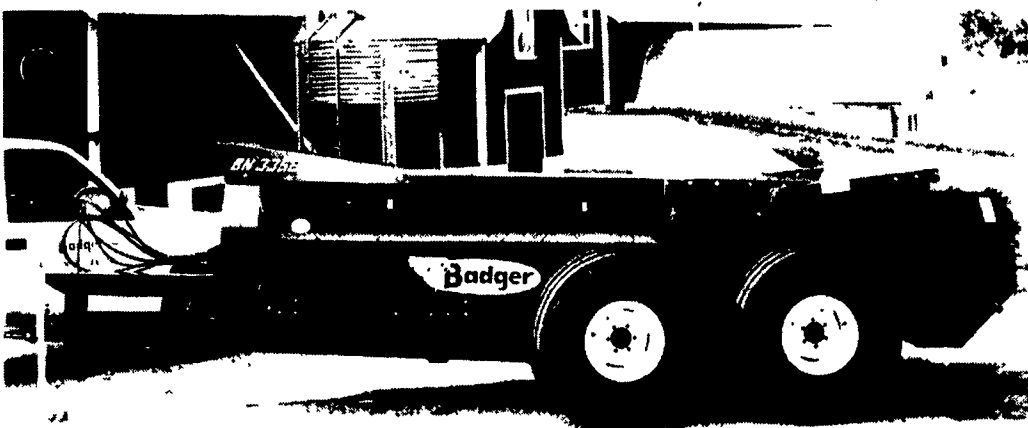
(800-382-8473). These materials include worker and handler training handbooks and videos in both Spanish and English. Training **MUST** be provided in a language that workers can understand. To meet this requirement, it is acceptable for a translator to convey the information being provided by a trainer who has met the previously mentioned criteria.

Currently the WPS requires that handlers and workers must be retrained at least once every five years, counting from the end of the month in which the previous training was completed. In the future, the number of years between training and required retraining will most likely decrease.

✓ December Compliance Checklist:
 Review training requirements on pages 25-28 and 103-4 of EPA WPS How-To-Comply Manual.
 Obtain EPA approved training materials necessary to train your workers and handlers.
 Train handlers prior to any handling activity.
 Train workers before they accumulate more than 5 days of entry into areas where within the past 30 days a pesticide has been applied or a restricted entry interval has been in effect.

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