WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD (WPS)

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MAIN COMPONENTS

TRAINING
 Workers vs. Handlers
 Trained prior to 6th day of work
 Video training
 Certified/individual training
 Verification sheet/cards
 Every 5 years
 Language everyone understands

CENTRAL DISPLAY LOCATION
 EPA Poster
 Records
 Central Area

NOTIFICATION
 Verbal or Signs
 Prior to application
 Language everyone understands

DECONTAMINATION SITE
 Running water
 Soap
 Single use towel
 Change of clothing

TRAINING
• If training not provided prior to work, mini training must be given. Full training given before 6th day of work
• Appropriate training for worker, early entry worker or handler
• Not just video...need to specify on how your operation works
• If employee has had training prior to working for you and has verification, need to still train to about how your operation works.

CENTRAL DISPLAY LOCATION
• Must be located in area that employees go to each day
• Must have records in location
• Fill out poster
• Tell employees where this area is located during training

NOTIFICATION
• Signs or Verbal
  For Everyone: Some labels require both types of notification
  For Nurseries, Farms, Forestry:
  If no one within ¼ mile of area during treatment and REI, then notification not needed. UNLESS label states to post signs
  For Greenhouses: start to end and during REI, no one will be allowed to go into treated area.
• Buffer and Ventilation Criteria and restrictions for Greenhouse and Nurseries
  Recommended to do both types of notification
RECORD KEEPING

- Place (Field/acreage/Contiguity)
- Date of application
- Product name
- EPA Registration Number
- Total amount of pesticide used
- Dilution Rate
- Target Pest
- Method of application
- Person making the application
- Size of area applied to

WPS Required (additional items)
- Active Ingredient
- REI
- Time of application

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DECONTIMATION SITE

- Bathroom (running water, paper towels, soap, change of clothing, eyewash)
- Portable decontamination site if more than ¼ mile away from main site

QUESTIONS

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Special Restrictions

100 Foot Buffer:
- Aerially, upward direction, or 150 psi
- Fumigant, Smoke, Mist, Fog or Aerosol

25 Foot Buffer:
- Downward at height greater than 12 inches, fine spray, 40psi to 150psi
- Have to wear a respirator
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**Special Greenhouse Restriction**

Ventilation Criteria Must be Met:
- Fumigant, smoke, mist, fog, aerosol, or have to wear respirator

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**Ventilation Criteria**

- Criteria on label
- If No labeling:
  - 10 air exchanges
  - 2 hrs using fans or mechanical ventilation
  - 4 hrs using windows or passive ventilation
  - 11 hrs w/ no ventilation and 1 hr mechanical ventilation
  - 11 hrs w/ no ventilation and 2 hr passive ventilation
  - 24 hrs w/ no ventilation

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