# Collaborative Pesticide Safety Programs



#### **Overview of Presentation**





## WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD TRAINING



PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAIN-THE-TRAINER WORKSHOP PROGRAM



PESTICIDE PRE-CERTIFICATION
TRAINING AND EXAM EVENTS

#### TYPES OF AGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS



**F**ARMS



GOLF COURSES (WITH NURSERIES)



**N**URSERIES



**ENCLOSED SPACE PRODUCTION** 



**FORESTS** 

## Immediate Family Member Exemption from many WPS regulations:

**New Federal Definition of Immediate Family:** 

**Grandparents Parents Children** 

Husband Wife Nieces

Nephews Most In-Laws Aunts

**Uncles** First Cousins Grandkids

## Why is pesticide safety training important? Scenario:

A member of the Tribe owns land that can be used for production agriculture.

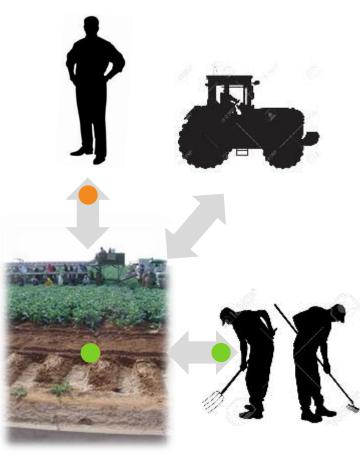
The landowner decides to lease the land to a grower who is not a member of the Tribe.

The grower hires ten employees who will apply pesticides, irrigate the fields, and repair equipment.

The grower occasionally hires an aerial applicator from a local company.

The grower also hires a labor contractor to bring in a crew to assist with the harvest

The labor contractor hires 100 agricultural workers to harvest the crops. He may have different employees each day.





## NEW FEDERAL REQUIREMENT HANDLER & WORKER TRAINING

Employers must make sure that agricultural workers and pesticide handlers receive Pesticide Safety Training

Agricultural Workers: EVERY YEAR

Pesticide Handlers: EVERY YEAR





## TRAINING VERIFICATION CARDS ARE REQUIRED IN ARIZONA

## BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL





Green = Pesticide Handler Blue = Agricultural Worker



### Some growers hire employees on a daily basis.

They like the cards because they can immediately tell who has received safety information and can begin work immediately.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE FOR ARIZONA TRAINERS:**

We will continue to use EPA blue and green cards until our inventory disappears. We will switch to an ADA-approved training verification card as soon as they are needed.

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#### **Two Types of Workshops**



Train-the-Trainer Workshops for New Trainers and People with Expired Certificates

Refresher Courses for Current Trainers, Certified Applicators and PCAs

## Train-the-Trainer Workshops for New Attendees and Trainers with Expired Certificates



- 6-hour workshop, plus exam
- English and Spanish workshops
- Sessions on PPE, WPS, Safe
   Handling, Recordkeeping, Training
   Techniques, Pesticide Labels, and
   Health Issues
- Practice presentations in small groups
- Trainer Exam
- Training resources

#### Refresher Courses for Current Trainers, Certified Applicators and Pest Control Advisors

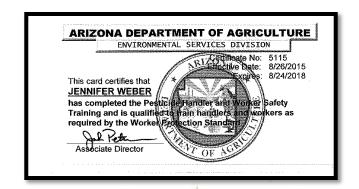
- 3-hour Course (Spanish and English, back-to-back)
- Includes trainer exam
- Updates on new regulations, research and resources
- Trainers will have opportunity to share their experiences
- Presentation practice or demonstration – will try a new format each time to keep it fresh





## TRAINERS RECEIVE AN ARIZONA TRAINER CERTIFICATION

Certification is valid for 3 years



Currently
~ 743 ~
Certified
Trainers
in Arizona



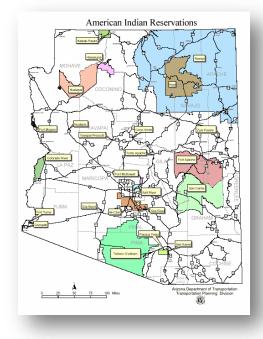
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#### WHERE CAN WORKSHOP ATTENDEES CONDUCT TRAINING?

AZ trainers are not automatically qualified to conduct training on agricultural or pesticide handling establishments located on tribal land or in other states.

#### During the workshop we explain

- Pesticide safety regulations, ordinances, or training requirements may vary from state to state and on tribal land.
- Check with the tribal pesticide or environmental program coordinator to ask if your certification is recognized and you have permission to conduct training to agricultural workers or pesticide handlers who will work on local agricultural establishments.
- Many tribes in Arizona have pesticide programs and trainers who are already offering WPS training.







Ak-Chin Indian Community, The Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation, and The San Carlos Apache Tribe



The Cocopah Indian Tribe and Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.



Navajo Nation, The Hopi Tribe, and The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Tribe, The Quechan Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, and The Chemehuevi Tribe



Gila River Indian Community

Number of trainers in our database who have indicated that they are affiliated with one of the Tribes listed on this slide.

Total = 47 Trainers



Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians



Yavapai-Apache Nation

#### ADA Pesticide Safety Trainer Workshops

- Arizona Pesticide Safety Trainers only
- We don't certify attendees to provide training on tribal land
- Provide Worker Protection Standard (WPS) training to <u>agricultural</u> workers and pesticide handlers
- Workshop, handouts, and trainer certification are FREE
- PPT presentations, activities and exam.
- Continuing Education Units NOT required, however trainers need to renew every 3 years (attend workshop w/exam.)

#### **WINTER 2017**

Phoenix area ~ January/February. Full-day workshops in English and Spanish for new trainers, plus Refresher courses for current trainers and certified applicators

#### **SPRING 2017**

- Northern Arizona (TBD) ~ March. Full-day workshops in English and Spanish for new trainers, plus Refresher courses for current trainers and certified applicators
- Yuma ~ April. Full-day workshops in English and Spanish for new trainers, plus Refresher courses for current trainers and certified applicators.

#### **SUMMER 2017**

 Casa Grande ~ June/July. Full-day workshops in English and Spanish for new trainers

#### **FALL 2017**

- Maricopa ~ October. Refresher courses in English and Spanish for current trainers.
- Yuma ~ November. Full-day workshops in English and Spanish for new trainers, plus Refresher courses for current trainers and certified applicators.

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## Certified Applicator Exam Events

Many of the people who take the exams are involved in tribal agency programs, and may use Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) to control:

Invasive Weeds (Tamarisk/Salt Cedar)

Ticks/Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

**Prairie Dogs** 



## Certified Applicator Exam Events

**Description of Exams and Licenses** 

#### **National Pesticide Applicator Core Exam**

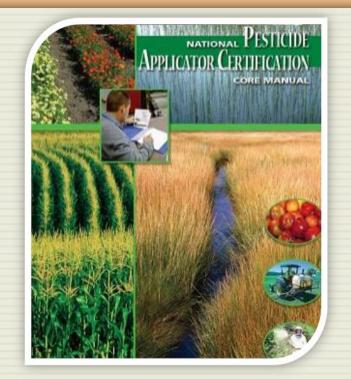
In Arizona, people who are interested in getting either a Private or Commercial Applicator's license take the National Core Exam as their base test.

- 90-question, multiple-choice exam
- 90 minutes, timed exam

#### **Category exams**

Many people who work for governmental agencies choose to take both the Core Exam and one category exam (a topic related to their worksite) to get their Commercial Applicator's License.

- Multiple-choice exams
- Most contain 50 questions
- Not timed



#### Arizona Pesticide Applicator License Free Exam Event

Thursday, March 13, 2014

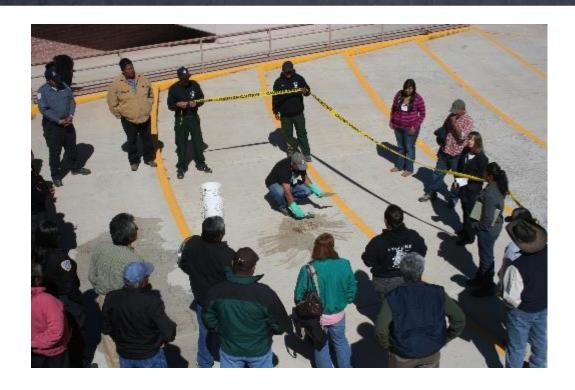
Overview: 8:15 a.m.

Exam: 9:00 a.m.

Community Center in Pipe Spring, AZ

Hosted by The Kaibab Paiute Tribe and Presented by the Arizona Dept. of Agriculture

#### **Pre-Certification Training**



- Flexibility on duration of training
  - 4 hour training, plus exam
  - 6 hour training, plus exam
  - 6 hour training, plus exam next day
  - Any length training, return later for exam

- Used to present PPT covering 12 chapters in 6 hours, plus exam (same day).
- Noticed over years that using terminology found in study materials and combining that with hands-on activities helps people remember it more during testing portion.
- Test scores improved.

#### Certified Applicator Exam Events

#### **Current 2017 Requests**

Pre-certification Training plus Exam

Navajo Nation Teresa Showa, Ganado Family Farm

White Mountain Apache Tribe
Cheryl Pailzote, WMAT Environmental
Protection Office

The Hopi Tribe Lionel Puhuyesva, Water Resources Program

