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The Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Inspection and Enforcement Accomplishment Report is prepared annually by EPA based on data submitted by states and tribes or the regional program staff in instances where EPA manages the WPS program.

This data represents only those inspections reported to EPA and may not include all inspections or enforcement actions taken by a state or tribe. This is an overview of WPS violations during WPS inspections. States and tribes voluntarily reported on the ten specific WPS violation categories that each enforcement action covered.

EPA provides guidelines on reporting WPS compliance monitoring and enforcement activities conducted under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) Cooperative Agreement program.

WPS Violation Categories

The agriculture employer, including owners and managers of agricultural establishments, employers of agricultural workers and handlers, commercial applicator employer and farm labor contractors, are responsible for complying with all WPS provisions. The ten specific WPS violation categories are:

1. **Pesticide Safety Training**—Failure of agricultural employer to ensure that each worker or handler is trained according to the provisions of WPS.
2. **Central Posting**—Failure of agricultural employer to display required information at a central location on the agricultural site where it is readily accessible to workers and handlers.
3. **Notice of Application**—Failure of agricultural employer to ensure that notification and posting requirements for pesticide applications comply with the WPS label.
4. **Entry Restrictions**—Failure of agricultural employer to ensure that no one enters or remains in the treated area during a pesticide application other than an appropriately trained and equipped handler, until the time specified by label and regulations has elapsed.
5. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**—Failure of agricultural employer to assure that handler uses the clothing and PPE specified on the label for use of the product.
6. **Mix or Loading, Application Equipment**—Failure of agriculture employer to assure that handler performing mixing or handling activities received instructions in the safe operation of such equipment.
7. **Decontamination**—Failure of agricultural employer to provide decontamination supplies for washing off pesticides for workers and handlers in accordance with the WPS.
8. **Emergency Assistance**—Failure of agricultural employer to provide emergency medical assistance and prompt transportation to an appropriate emergency medical facility to a worker or handler.
9. **Information exchange**—Failure of agricultural employer to provide specific information to commercial handler employer about all areas on the establishment that the handler may be in and that may be treated with a pesticide or that may be under a restricted-entry interval. Or, the failure of handler-employer to provide specific information to agricultural employer about the application of any pesticides on or in an agricultural establishment before any application
10. **Retaliation**—Action taken to punish or discourage a worker or a handler from complying or attempting to comply with any requirement of WPS by the agricultural employer.

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| Regions | States | Pesticide Safety Training | Central Posting | Notice of Application | Entry Restrictions | Personal Protective Equipment | Mix/Loading Application Equip & Application | Decon Supplies | Emergency Assistance | Information Exchange | Retaliation |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Region 1 | | 8 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Region 2 | | 68 | 81 | 23 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 42 | 5 | 22 | 0 |
| Region 3 | | 9 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Region 4 | | 248 | 279 | 42 | 17 | 58 | 15 | 51 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Region 5 | | 40 | 61 | 21 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 28 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Region 6 | | 21 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Region 7 | | 21 | 23 | 15 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| Region 8 | | 11 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| Region 8 Tribes | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Region 9 | | 80 | 160 | 80 | 14 | 35 | 14 | 47 | 7 | 66 | 6 |
| R9 Tribes | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Region 10 | | 47 | 97 | 12 | 7 | 67 | 9 | 55 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Total | | 555 | 757 | 207 | 56 | 216 | 53 | 247 | 33 | 132 | 7 |

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| Region 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Connecticut | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Maine | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Massachusetts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | New Hampshire | 1 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Rhode Island | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Vermont | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 8 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Region 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | New Jersey | 28 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| | New York | 8 | 24 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Puerto Rico | 32 | 52 | 16 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 31 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| | Virgin Islands | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 68 | 81 | 23 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 42 | 5 | 22 | 0 |
| Region 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Delaware | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Maryland | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Pennsylvania | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Virginia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | West Virginia | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | District of Columbia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 9 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Region 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Alabama | 21 | 19 | 29 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| | Florida | 133 | 142 | 4 | 7 | 39 | 14 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Georgia | 22 | 55 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Kentucky | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Mississippi | 14 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | N. Carolina | 44 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | S. Carolina | 5 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Tennessee | 8 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 248 | 279 | 42 | 17 | 58 | 15 | 51 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

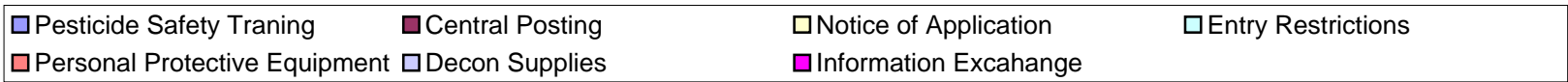
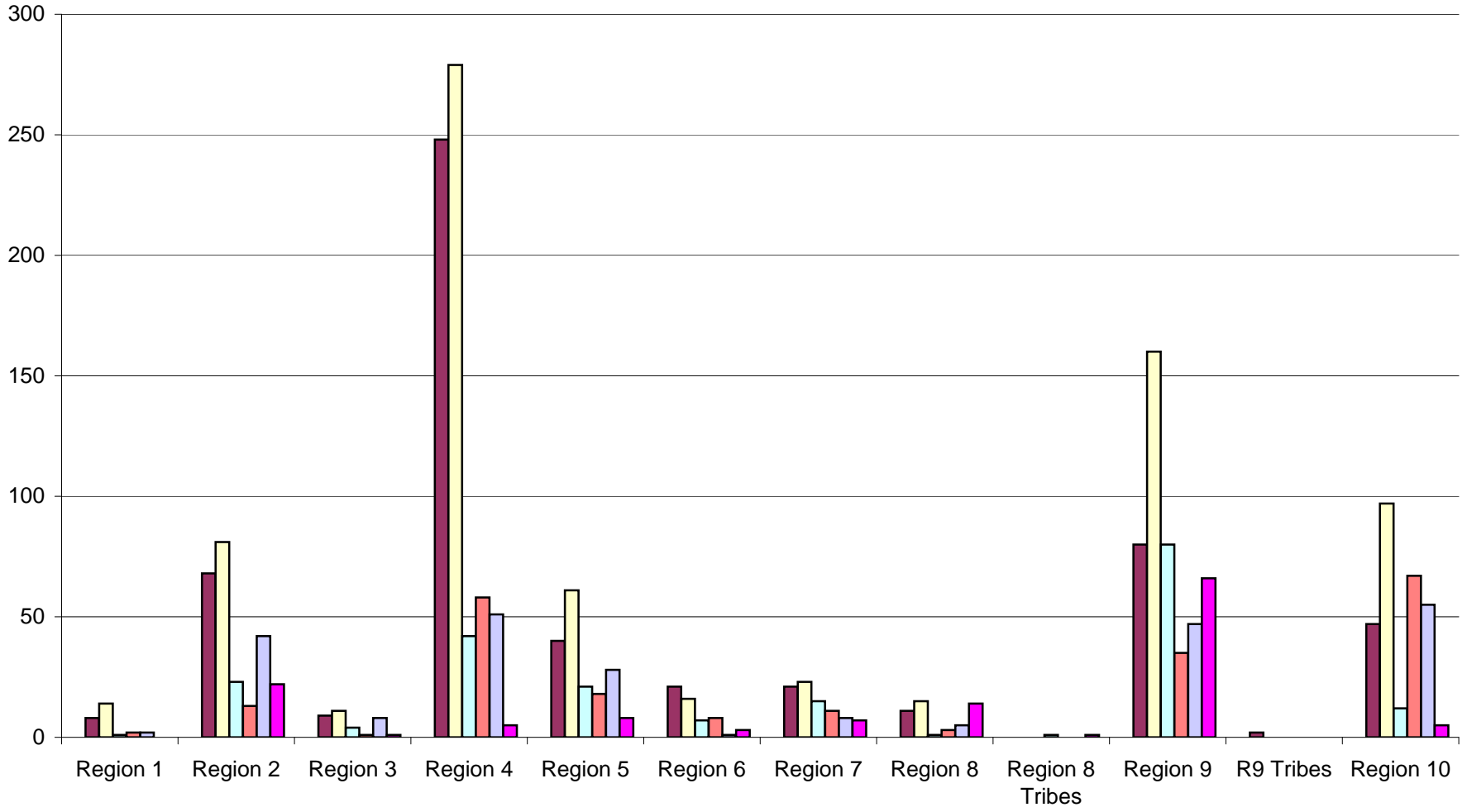
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| Region 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Illinois | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Indiana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | Michigan | 3 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Minnesota | 9 | 28 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Ohio | 11 | 13 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Wisconsin | 15 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | Total | 40 | 61 | 21 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 28 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Region 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Arkansas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Louisiana | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | New Mexico | 11 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| | Oklahoma | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Texas | 9 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 21 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Region 7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Iowa | 9 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| | Kansas | 3 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Missouri | 5 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Nebraska | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Total | 21 | 23 | 15 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| Region 8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Colorado | 5 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | Montana | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | N. Dakota | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| | S. Dakota | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Utah | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Wyoming, Federal | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 11 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 0 |

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| R8 Tribe | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Conf. Salish & Kootenai Tribe | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Three Affiliated Tr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Oglala Sioux Tribe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Ft. Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Chayenne River Sio | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Region 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Arizona | 56 | 130 | 60 | 11 | 21 | 10 | 28 | 3 | 62 | 6 |
| | California | 4 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Hawaii | 13 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Nevada | 4 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Guam | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| | Saipan, CNMI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | American Samoa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 80 | 160 | 80 | 14 | 35 | 14 | 47 | 7 | 66 | 6 |
| R9 Tribes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SRPMIC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | CRIT EPO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Navajo Nation | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Gila River | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Region 10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Alaska | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Idaho | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | Oregon | 31 | 74 | 4 | 0 | 55 | 2 | 39 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Washington | 16 | 22 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
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