

National Pesticide Certification and Training Plan



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Introduction



Goals

1. Describe EPA's concept of a National Federal Plan for the Certification of Pesticide Applicators in Indian country.
2. Answer questions.
3. Record comments.



Background



National Pesticide Worker Safety Program



1. Risk Assessment and mitigation
2. Product registration and labeling
3. Worker Safety Regulations (WPS and C&T)

⌘ *Labeling alone does not control risk*

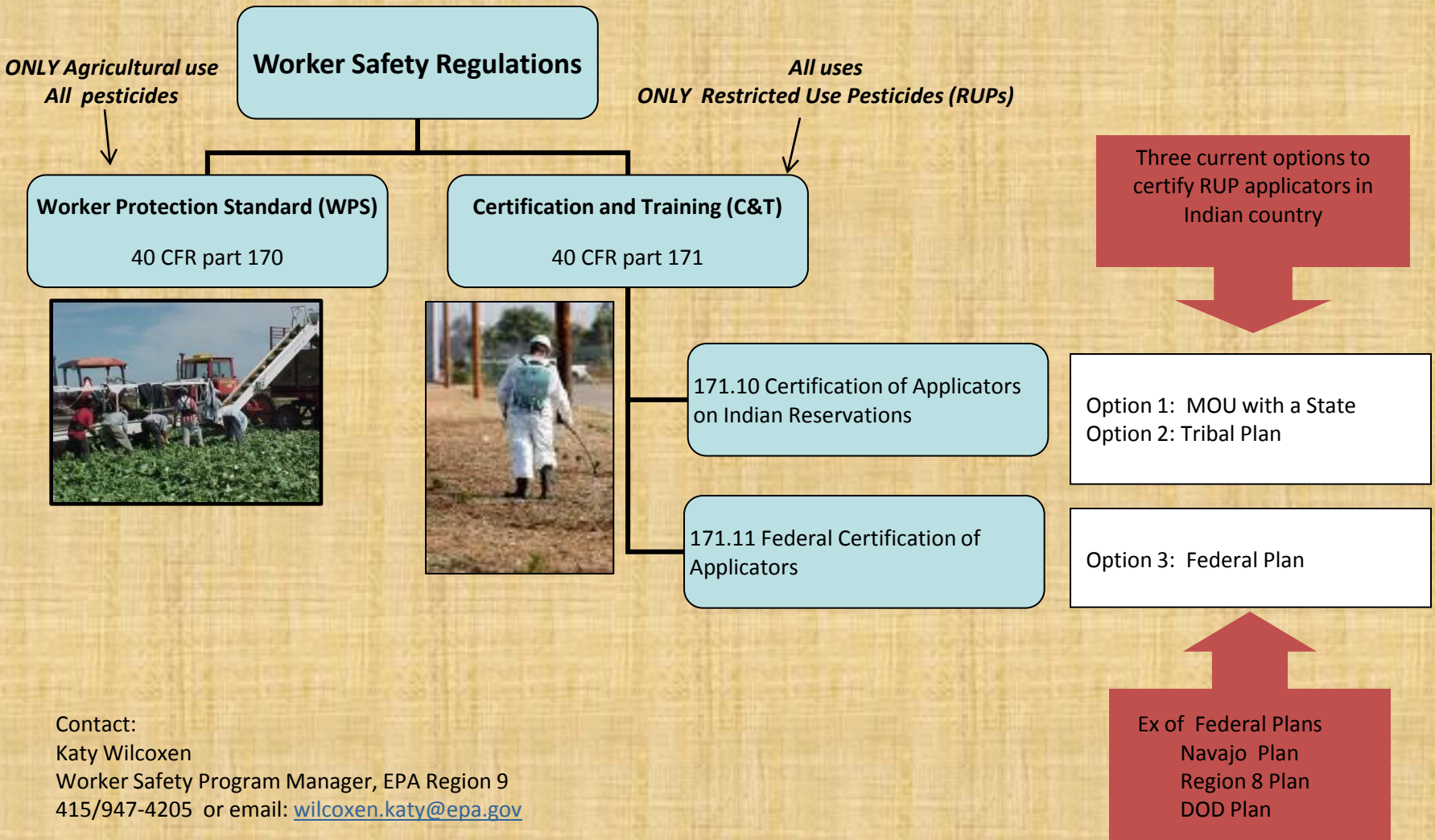
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Worker Safety Regulations

Because labeling alone does not control risk, special training is necessary



Current Timeline

Developing a National Federal Plan for certification of applicators in Indian country.

- Summer 2010: EPA internal review.
- Oct 2010: Circulate draft and discuss at TPPC.
- Fall 2010: Prepare draft for Tribal consultation.
- Winter 2010/2011: Publish draft in Federal Register.
- 2011 – Implement final Plan.



Key Elements

1. Certification by EPA for RUP use in Indian country (would allow use in all areas not covered by an EPA approved plan).
2. Federal certification based on certification issued by a State under an EPA approved plan.
3. Certifies applicators in any Federal category. Ex: Aquatic Pest Control, Agricultural Pest Control.
4. Legalizes use of RUPs by Federally certified applicators unless the tribe enacts tribal law, code or regulations to limit or prohibit use.
5. Federal Inspections (by EPA or Federally credentialed tribal inspector) and Federal enforcement of certification.
6. Does not preclude a tribe from developing a Tribal Plan or MOU with a state later.

Questions

1. What RUP use is there in your area now? Who needs and wants to use RUPs?
2. Does your tribe want to prevent or limit the use of RUPs?
3. Should the Plan “automatically” apply in all Indian country or should it include either an “opt-in” or an “opt-out” provision? Should tribes affirmatively decide?
4. What steps are necessary for your tribe to either opt-in or opt-out? What should the Plan require from a tribe in order to prohibit or not allow RUP use by Federally Certified applicators? A code, ordinance, or resolution? If not, what other ways are there?⁷

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Questions and Answers

