



COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL PESTICIDE EDUCATION PROGRAM

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FEDERAL WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD

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This fact sheet lists the contact information for Colorado and National resources about the Worker Protection Standard (WPS).

This fact sheet was developed as part of the Comprehensive Worker Protection Standard Awareness Project for Colorado.

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WPS Resources

The [Worker Protection Standard](#) (WPS) was issued in 1992 by the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA). This regulation applies where pesticides are used in production of agricultural plants for commercial or research purposes on farms, forests, nurseries, greenhouses, and related structures. It covers pesticide applicators, mixer/loaders, disposers of pesticide containers, and those who may be exposed to a pesticide residue on the job. Both general-use and restricted-use pesticides are covered by WPS. The regulations have exposure reduction measures that will reduce the risk of pesticide poisonings and injuries among agricultural workers and pesticide handlers. WPS is a very complex regulation. The contacts below will provide helpful information in understanding WPS.

There are a variety of different sources available for information and to answer questions regarding WPS regulations that can easily be accessed via post office, internet, telephone, fax, and email. The following are a list of WPS informational sources where you can request safety posters, videos, pamphlets, training and educational materials and fact sheets.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8

EPA Region 8 serves the state of Colorado as well as tribal governments throughout the state and has primary authority to enforce WPS regulations. It supports state agencies and also provides resources guidance and assistance directly to local groups involved with environmental protection.

- **Barbara Barron**
Worker Protection Coordinator
(303)312-6617 (Ext. 6617 using 800 number below)
Email: Barbara.Barron@epa.gov
- **Jaslyn Dobrahner**
Worker Protection Coordinator
(303)312-6252
Email: Jaslyn.Dobrahner@epa.gov
- **Main Office**
Address: 999 18th St. Suite 300, Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 1-800-227-8917
Internet: www.epa.gov/region08/
Fax: (303) 312-6044

U.S. EPA National Agriculture Compliance Assistance Center (Ag Center)

The Ag Center is a helpful resource for those in the agricultural community who need information on compliance with

environmental regulations.

- **Main Office**

Address: 901 N. 5th St., Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Phone: 1-888-663-2155

Internet: www.epa.gov/agriculture/

Fax: (913) 551-7270

Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA)

The CDA is committed to strengthening agriculture's future in Colorado by providing consumer protection, promoting environmental quality and ensuring equity and integrity in business and government. The WPS contact for questions directed to CDA is listed below.

- **John Scott**

Pesticide Applicator Coordinator

(303) 239-4178

Email: john.scott@ag.state.co.us

- **Main Office**

Address: 700 Kipling St., Suite 4000 Lakewood, CO 80215

Internet: www.ag.state.co.us/dpi/pesticideapplicator/home.html

Fax: (303) 239-4177

Colorado Environmental Pesticide Education Program (CEPEP)

The Pesticide Safety Education Program of CEPEP is a part of the state-wide cooperative extension program located in Fort Collins at Colorado State University (CSU). It offers a wealth of information about handbooks and training guides, training videos, worker protection standard resources, CEPEP fact sheets about pesticide safety and pesticide disposal resources.

- **Sandra McDonald**

CEPEP Coordinator, Pesticide Education Specialist

(970) 491-6027

Email: Sandra.McDonald@colostate.edu

- **Tara Steinke**

WPS Training Assistant

(970) 491-3947

Email: Tara.Steinke@colostate.edu

- **Main Office**

Address: Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1177

Phone: (970) 491-3947

Internet: www.cepep.colostate.edu

Fax: (970) 491-3862

National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)

NPIC is the national pesticide information resource for the agricultural community and public interested in pesticides and making informed decisions about pesticides in order to keep the community and environment safe. NPIC provides information to the general public, health care providers, physicians and veterinarians as well as local, state and federal agencies including school

districts. Specialists are available to provide information 7 days a week from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm Pacific Time.

- **Main Office**

Address: Oregon State University
333 Weniger Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331
Phone: 1-800-858-7378
Email: npic@ace.orst.edu
Internet: www.npic.orst.edu

GEMPLER'S

GEMPLER'S is a division of Lab Safety Supply, Inc. and specializes in services and supplies for those working in agriculture including crop, turf and nursery production as well as pest management. GEMPLER'S has a variety of WPS materials available including the Reference Guide How to Comply, EPA approved, for employers plus technical information on pesticide safety, as well as a complete product guide for safety equipment and signage required for WPS compliance.

- **Main Office**

Address: P.O. Box 44993, Madison, Wisconsin 53744
Phone: 1-800-382-8473
Internet: www.gemplers.com
Fax: 1-800-551-1128

National Agricultural Safety Database (NASD)

The National Agricultural Safety Database was created by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. Its purpose is to provide materials and information related to prevention of agricultural occupational hazards for agricultural employees by promoting awareness and providing information that is easily accessible. These materials can be used as a supplement to EPA WPS guides and manuals explaining WPS regulations.

- Internet: www.cdc.gov/nasd/index.html

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