

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANNUAL WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD HANDLER TRAINING

I hereby acknowledge having received the annual Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Handler training on pesticide safety precautions to be used when working in and around pesticide treated areas. The instruction includes:

- That my employer will provide annual WPS Handler training, pesticide application records & safety data sheets (SDS) at the central location plus decontamination supplies & necessary emergency medical assistance resulting from pesticide exposure.
- Informed me that I can designate in writing a representative to request pesticide application information in the event that I cannot access it.
- How to recognize and understand the posted warning signs regarding Restricted Entry Interval (REI) and Application Exclusion Zones (AEZ).
- Where, and in what forms, pesticides can be found on the agricultural operation and how to stay safe around those possible exposures.
- Possible hazards from pesticide exposure to the workers and their families.
- Routes that pesticides can enter the body plus signs and symptoms of pesticide poisoning.
- Emergency first aid for pesticide injuries or poisonings.
- Routine and emergency decontamination procedures including eye flushing.
- How and when to obtain emergency medical care.
- Potential hazards from pesticide residues on clothing and how to wash that clothing.
- Posting of Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and how to read them.
- I cannot perform any Handler duties unless I first receive Handler training.
- Early Entry Workers must be at least 18 years old and be provided specific information prior to early entry tasks.
- Potential hazards to pregnant woman and children.
- How to report suspected pesticide violations to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.
- My employer cannot retaliate against me for following the WPS or reporting pesticide violations.
- Information on proper use and application of pesticides.
- Handlers must follow the label required safety measures.
- How to understand the pesticide label information.
- The need for and appropriate use and removal of PPE.
- Heat related illness – how to recognize, prevent & provide first aid.
- Safety requirements for handling, transporting, storing and disposing of pesticides including general procedures for spill cleanup.
- Environmental concerns such as drift, runoff and wildlife concerns.
- Handlers must not apply pesticides in a manner that contacts workers or other persons.
- Handler employers must provide handlers with the label required clean & maintained PPE, decontamination supplies and specific information on the pesticide use & labeling information.
- Handlers must suspend a pesticide application if workers or other persons are in the application exclusion zone (AEZ).
- Handlers must be at least 18 years old (except for immediate family).
- Handler employers are required to provide an annual respirator fit test and respirator training for those Handlers using pesticides that require a respirator. A medical evaluation by a licensed health care professional must be passed before using a respirator.
- The employer must ensure that treated areas are posted as required by the pesticide label.
- I understand that I have the right to request one free copy of this sign off form each year.

(Printed name of trained employee)

(Signature of trained employee)

(Date of training)

(Employer's Name)

(Name & Pesticide certification # of trainer)

(EPA approved training materials used)