Partnering to Promote Pesticide Exposure Reduction through PPE Education

Educating Applicators through certification and recertification training

The Pesticide Education Program strives to educate all pesticide applicators and users across the Commonwealth about pest management alternatives, including the safe, proper, and legal use of pesticides. The program promotes responsible decision-making, which will protect pesticide users, public health, plant and animal health, and the environment.

EPA Approved Worker / Handler Training Videos

These videos are designed for growers to use when training their employees (as defined under the WPS as workers and handlers) in the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Worker Protection Standard (WPS). These DVDs have been accepted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, and therefore, meet the WPS regulatory requirements for worker and handler training. These DVDs not only help growers meet the regulatory requirement but also educate employees about practices that will help keep them safe.

This training program includes the following required information:

- Where and in what form pesticides may be encountered during work activities at the establishment.
- How to obtain emergency medical care including telephone number, location, and transportation to the nearest medical facility.
- Routine and emergency decontamination procedures, including emergency eye-flushing techniques and where decontamination sites are located at the establishment.
- Availability of specific information about pesticide applications and where records of these completed applications are kept.

These materials are produced by the partnership between Penn State Pesticide Education Program and the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health.

These videos and other WPS educational materials can be requested from the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health at porh@psu.edu or 814-863-8214.