

Summary Report to SFIREG
Pesticide Regulatory Education Program (PREP)
Washington State University – EPA Award #83578901
December 3 & 4, 2018 ~ Arlington, VA



Requests for SFIREG

- Please review the mailing list (prep.wsu.edu) and send updates to prep.sla@wsu.edu
- Get the word out:
 - Laboratory Issues PREP nomination email to be sent out December 3rd
 - Applicator Certification Rule PREP nomination to be sent out December 10th
 - Seeking interested volunteers for July and September Planning Groups
 - Cindy Wire, EPA OPP FEAD based in San Francisco is the new PREP Project Officer
- Suggest any speakers for FY2019 courses

2018 PREP Season Summary

Courses	State or Territory SLA or Special Invite Attendee	Tribal Attendee	SLA, Tribe Speakers Entire Course	EPA Regions & Headquarters Entire Course	EPA Regions & Headquarters Partial Course	Other Invited Speakers & Attendees	Total
Compliance & Enforcement 4-day, Little Rock, AR	33	2	3	2	3	3	46
Senior Executive 3-day, Salt Lake City, UT	22	2	2	4	0	2	32
Registration & Re-evaluation 4-day, Arlington, VA	30	0	5	4	15	0	54
Non-Agricultural & Structural Pest Control 4-day, Austin, TX	21	2	2	3	5	4	37
Total PREP Participants	106	6	12	13	23	9	169

Noteworthy for FY2018:

- Agreement allocation was \$522,600, which was \$12,400 below anticipated
- 23 EPA managers and staff presented and/or participated in 2018 PREP Courses
- Mean number of state, territory, and tribe participants: 26 per course
- PREP archive includes individual course reports and the mailing list is up to date

Evaluations were very favorable for PREP content and on-site course logistics.

Compliance and Enforcement PREP – Met the goal to discuss and exchange information and ideas about current emerging pesticide investigation enforcement issues to improve an agency’s ability to maintain strong pesticide programs and successfully address challenges: 100% stated PREP met goal very well. Top three topics:

- State, Territory, and Tribal Presentations
- Herbicide Movement During and Post Application
- Admissible Evidence Principles

Senior Executive PREP – Met the goal to provide participants with an opportunity to acquire, strengthen, and share leadership skills while engaging in high level discussions on policy, planning, and communication issues: 84% stated PREP met goal very well and 16% moderately well. Top four topics:

- Risk Communication
- Leadership in Times of Change
- Upcoming Regulatory Challenges
- Ask an EPA Regulator

Registration & Re-evaluation – Met the goal to 1) enhance the participant’s understanding of the process for registering and re-evaluating pesticides at the Office of Pesticide Programs, and 2) discuss the roles & responsibilities of state and territory registration programs: 90% stated PREP met goal very well and 10% moderately well. *More than 85% of participants had five or fewer years’ of experience and 75% with three or fewer.* Top five topics:

- Fine Art of State Label Interpretations
- FIFRA 25(b)
- Supplemental Distributor Labeling
- Tricks of the Trade for Label Review Process
- Working through Registration Challenges (breakout groups)

Non-Agricultural and Structural Pest Control Issues PREP – Met the goal to enhance participant’s ability to meet the present challenges and complexities of regulating and enforcing pesticide use in the non-agricultural/structural pest control industry: 92% stated PREP met goal very well, 8% moderately well.

- Top four topics:
 - Non-Soil Fumigant Certification Category
 - Misuse Cases Spur Regulatory Responses
 - Pesticide Issues and NPIC Outreach
 - Bed Bug Heat Treatment and Follow-up Discussion

PREP Steering Committee for 2019 Courses – *establish draft goal and target audience for each PREP Course*

- Tony Cofer, Alabama Dept. of Agriculture
- Africa Dorame-Avalos, TPPC Representative
- Kelly Engle, EPA PIRT Liaison
- Cary Giguere, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
- Patrick Jones, North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Rose Kachadoorian, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
- Derrick Lastinger, Georgia Dept. of Agriculture
- Leo Reed, Office of Indiana State Chemist
- George Saxton, ASPCRO Liaison
- Liz Vizard, EPA OECA/OC
- Melanie Wood, EPA Region 8
- Lance Wormell, EPA OPP/FEAD
- PREP Coordination Group
 - Dea Zimmerman, EPA OPP FEAD
 - Cindy Wire, EPA OPP FEAD (2019 Project Officer)
 - Carol Black, Washington State University
 - Wendy Sue Wheeler, Washington State University
 - Kristi Boone, Washington State University

2019 Schedule and Planning Groups

- **Laboratory Issues** – Richmond, VA – March 25-28
 - Ashley Pierce, VA; Michael Curry, AL; Frank Baretta, MI; Amy Hernandez, LA; Doug Marsh, AZ; Jona Verreth, MT
 - Anthony Matusick, EPA OC; Thuy Nguyen, EPA ACB
- **Applicator Certification Rule** – Arlington, VA – April 29-May 3
 - Jim Burnette, NC; Trish Conti, NJ; Rich Dickinson, NY; Jessica Lenker, PA; Susie Nichols, AR; Sarah Oglesby, FL; Megan Patterson, ME; Robby Personette, WI; Jack Peterson, AZ; Andrew Thostenson, ND; Tina Zimmerman, WA
 - Donald Baumgartner, EPA R5; Katy Wilcoxon, EPA R9; Carol Galloway, EPA OECA; Jeanne Kasai, Tracy Lantz, Anne Overstreet, Jennifer Park, Richard Pont, Ryne Yarger, EPA FEAD
- **Comprehensive Combo** – Milwaukee, WI – July 22-26
- **Risk Communication and Significant Pesticide Issues** – Portland, OR – September 9-13

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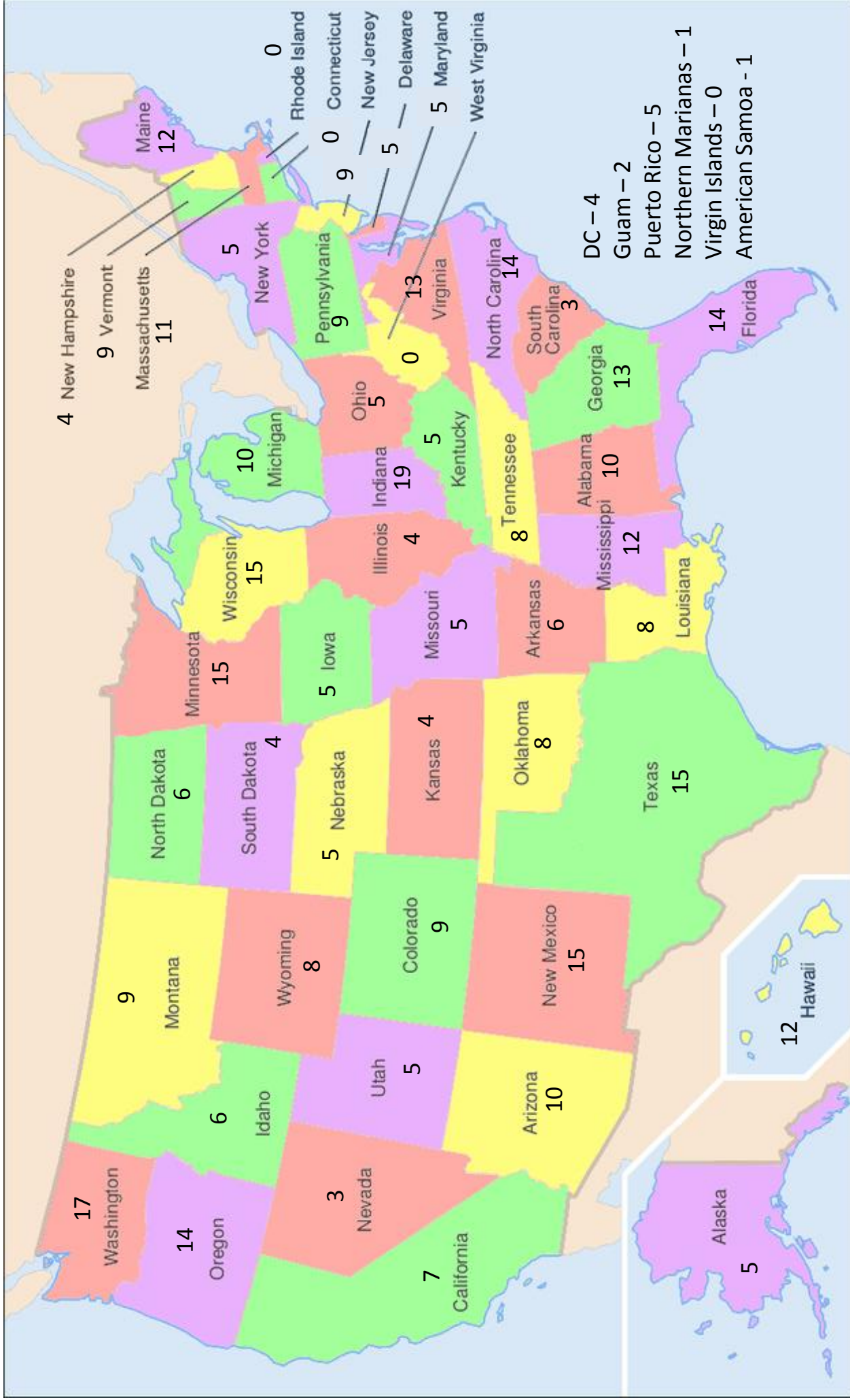
WSU Staff: Carol Black, Wendy Sue Wheeler, Kristi Boone

EPA Project Officer: Cindy Wire, wire.cindy@epa.gov who is replacing Dea Zimmerman

PREP Measures

- How well the PREP Courses met
 - Course goal
 - Learning objectives
 - Community building/networking
- Outputs
 - Increased number of state, tribe, and territory FIFRA regulators trained individuals in core FIFRA programmatic and compliance/enforcement activities, new science and regulatory issues pertaining to pesticides
 - Level of impact the training provided them and their agency to improve efficiencies.
 - Level of success over the course of the five years for building life-long connections of networks and a collaborative community.
- Success of providing those who actively participated and those not attending a PREP course
 - eLearning Services (e.g., webinars, online curricula)
 - Archival Library

2015-2018 Cumulative PREP Participation by States, Territories, and Tribes



Number of Tribes – 14

Number of Tribal Managers – 19

*University/Other Agencies – 9

Note: states that have hosted a PREP will have higher participation: AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, IN, MD, MN, NC, NM, OR, TX, UT, VA, WA

*Not noted on Map