

**Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance  
Update  
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# FIFRA Cooperative Agreements

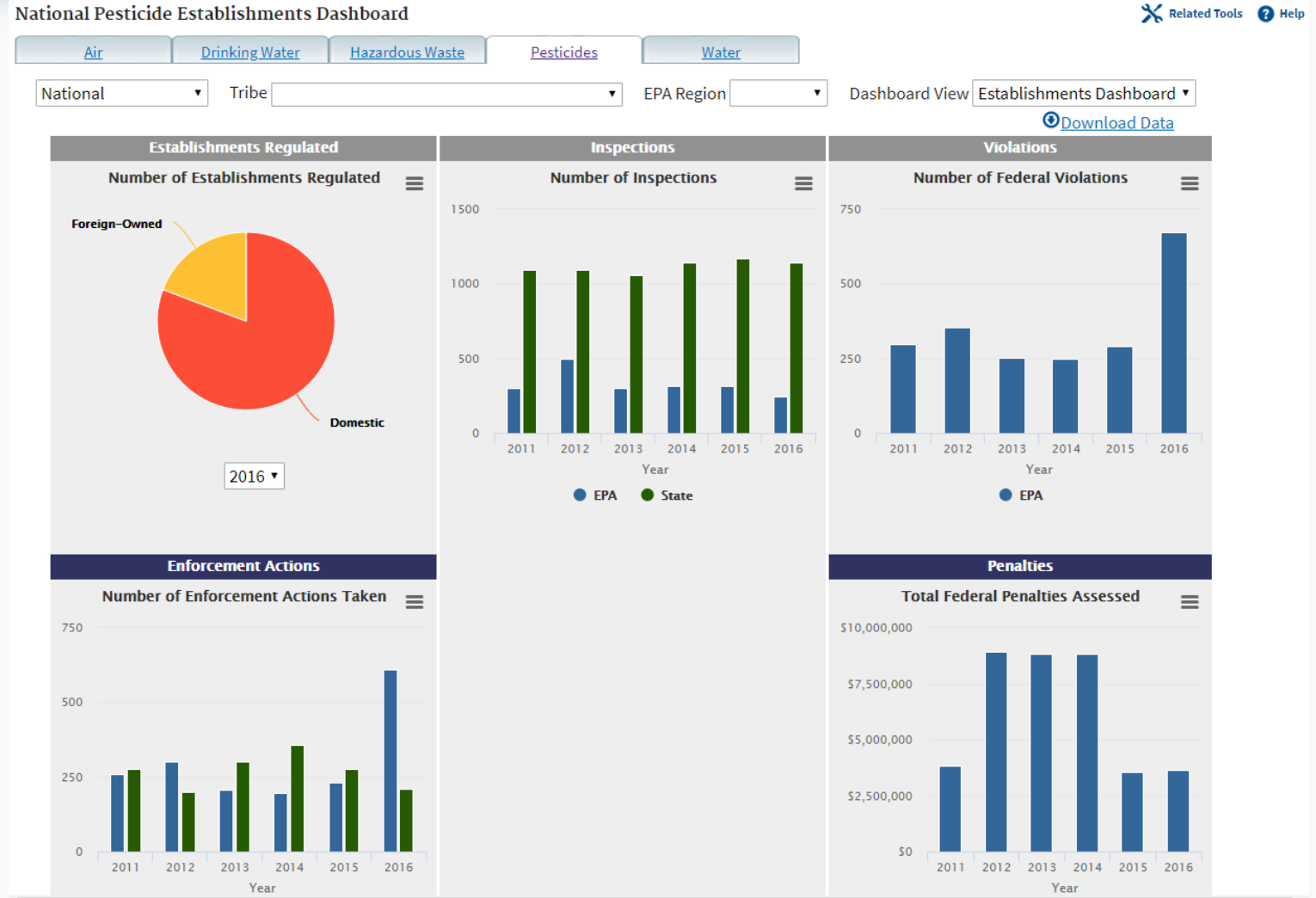
- Data - OC compiles data received from Grantee 5700 forms and Performance Measures.
  - Establishment and WPS data available on ECHO.
- Database - OPP and OC have led a workgroup to develop a database to replace the FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Workplan and Report Template.
- PO Training - OC and OPP are jointly developing e-learning for EPA Project Officers assigned to FIFRA Cooperative Agreements.



# ECHO - Improving Transparency

<https://echo.epa.gov/>

- National Pesticide Establishments Dashboard
- National Pesticide Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Dashboard



# FIFRA Continuing Environmental Program Grant Database

- Database developed to replace the FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Work Plan Template by 2021.
- Currently available to be piloted by Grantees and Regions.
- Benefits - Will streamline collaboration and review.

**EPA** FIFRA Work Plan and Report Application

## Budget Period 1 Work Plan and Report

EPA Grant No.

**Grantee Information:** Point of Contact: asdf 123  
Grantee: TEST

**Grant Information:** Agreement Type: Consolidated  
Number of Years: 2

Project Period: 7/1  
Budget Period: 7/1

**Current Workplan / Report Status:**

Current Status: New  
Status Date: 10/11/2018

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**Version History:**

Status	Type	Date
New		10/11/2018

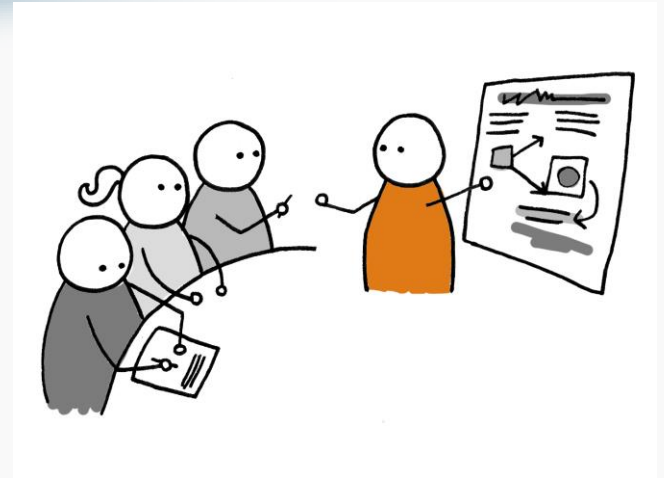
**Grantee Documents**

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**EPA Documents**

# Upcoming FIFRA Training

- Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training (PIRT)
  - Pesticide Drift Issues, **Kennewick, WA** May 14 – 17
    - Nomination period has closed
  - Basic/New Inspector PIRT, **Savannah, GA** August 25 – 28
    - Nomination period opening in Spring
- Pesticide Regulatory Education Program (PREP)
  - Laboratory Issues, **Richmond, VA** March 25 – 28
  - Applicator Certification Rule, **Arlington, VA** April 29 – May 2
  - Comprehensive Combo, **Milwaukee, WI** July 29 – August 1
  - Risk Communication & Significant Pesticide Issues, **Portland, OR** Sept. 9 – 13



# FIFRA Section 7 Reporting

## Section Seven Tracking System (eSSTS)

*Over 60% of establishments e-reporting!*



Form 3540-8  
new establishment  
registration



Form 3540-16  
Annual and  
Initial reports



## Benefits



### Visibility

conveniently store all company records in one online location



### Efficiency

submit forms electronically and upload multiple reports at a time



### Security

increased for industry users by encrypting in progress data



### Response Time

register new establishments in a few days rather than months, allowing for faster marketplace access

## The Impact

**20,000+**

Hours saved annually by maintaining forms electronically

**\$1.6 million+**

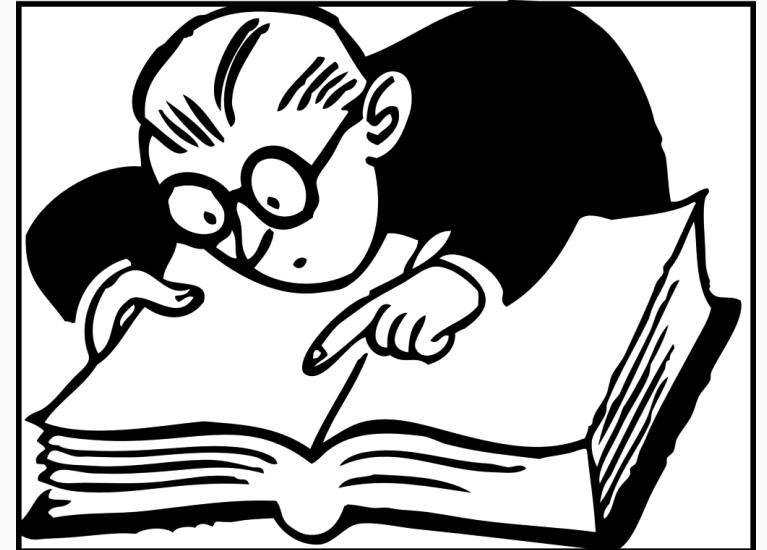
Annually saved through electronic submissions

**100,000+**

Pieces of paper saved annually

# FIFRA Inspection Manual Revisions

- EPA workgroup formed to identify revisions needed in the 2013 FIFRA Inspection Manual.
- Proposed revisions included the addition of new or revised guidance, updated exhibits, and clarification of specific sections of text.
- Comments solicited from EPA regions, states and tribes.
- Updated FIFRA Manual planned for FY19.



# WPS Focused Inspection Pilot

- Use of focused inspections raised during development of the 2017 WPS Inspection Manual.
- Region 3 and Pennsylvania piloted focused inspections successfully.
- Benefits: Reach more growers, more frequently.
- OC leading workgroup to develop a framework for a national pilot:
  - Framework will define the scope of focused inspections, how the inspections will be reported, etc.
  - Distribute to states for review and comment in 2019
  - Revise and finalize for FY2020+ implementation
- Could lead to a FIFRA Compliance Monitoring Strategy revision.





# Smart Mobile Tools for Field Inspectors

Reinventing the environmental field inspection process by providing a suite of mobile digital tools to improve inspection quality, consistency and efficiency

## Joint Governance

EPA and States jointly govern and work collaboratively to effect the Smart Tools vision

## Software Supporting Inspectors

EPA/States are creating Smart Tools software that intelligently guides inspectors during their specific inspection, facilitates evidence collection and creation of a draft inspection report.

## Hardware Agnostic

EPA/States may use Smart Tools software on a variety of mobile devices appropriate to the particular type of inspection. Military grade, intrinsically safe devices can cover all inspection types.

For more information, contact David Meredith at [meredith.david@epa.gov](mailto:meredith.david@epa.gov)

# Smart Mobile Tools for Field Inspectors (Cont.)

- Phased implementation:

Phase	Program	Estimated Timing
Phase 1	RCRA	July 2019
Phase 2	CWA	Late 2019
Phase 3	CAA	Mid 2020
Phase 4	TSCA, FIFRA, SDWA, EPCRA, CERCLA	Early 2021

# Interim Policy on Inspection Report Timeliness And Standardization

Issued June, 2018

- Interim Policy establishing inspection practices and pilots for the appropriate and timely notification of EPA inspection results to facilities and the public.
- **Does apply to:**
  - EPA employees, Senior Environmental Employees, and contractor inspectors who conduct inspections on behalf of EPA with a federal credential.
- **Does not apply to:**
  - State, Tribal, or inter-tribal consortia inspectors who conduct inspections on behalf of EPA with a federal credential.
  - State, Tribal, or inter-tribal consortia inspectors without a federal credential.



# National Program Guidance (NPG)

OECA's NPG is the planning document that outlines national compliance and enforcement activities that will be performed during the relevant fiscal years.

- The FY18-19 National Program Managers Guidance for FIFRA directed adherence to the Compliance Monitoring Strategy.
- The FY20-21 National Program Guidance is under development and is expected to have more specificity, including the identification of focus areas.



# Questions?