



Pesticide Inspector Residential Training (PIRT)

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PIRT CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



PIRT Purpose

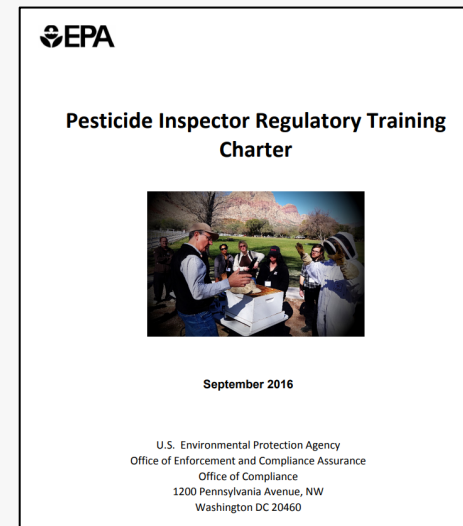
- PIRTs provide:
 - classroom and field instruction on pesticide inspections,
 - information on new regulations,
 - information on new technologies and tools to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of all pesticide inspections, and
 - training to a core group of inspectors that can, in turn, train other inspectors in their state, tribe, or territory.

PIRT Organization

- OECA's Office of Compliance (OC) provides annual funding for two National PIRTs and biannually for one Tribal PIRT.
- States, tribes, and territories volunteer to host the PIRT courses.
- OC's PIRT Coordinator, leads monthly steering committee meetings and works with training hosts throughout course planning and development.

PIRT Steering Committee

- The PIRT Steering Committee is made up of volunteer representatives from EPA Regions, states, and tribes/territories (12 members plus PIRT and PREP Coordinators).
- Developed the PIRT Charter, which is posted on the website: <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/pesticide-inspector-residential-training-pirt#charter>.
- Assist the PIRT hosts develop agendas, recommend speakers/sessions, and determine future PIRT topics.



PIRT Trivia

What year was the first
PIRT?

1994

PIRT Trivia

Who hosted the first
PIRT?

Texas Department of
Agriculture

PIRT Trivia

When was the first Tribal
PIRT held?

2008

PIRT Trivia

How many PIRTs since
1994?

58

PIRT Trivia

Guess how many people
have attended PIRTs over
the past 25 years

2,100

Proposed PIRT Management

- About a year ago, OC began looking into additional options for management of the PIRT program.
- After discussions with the Steering Committee, three options for the future management of the PIRT program were developed.
- These three options were shared with the PIRT Steering Committee, States, and the TPPC.

PIRT Options

- Options
 - 1: Offer competitive grant to implement PIRT
 - 2: Offer competitive grant to implement PIRT, but only logistics and financials
 - 3: No changes to PIRT

2020 PIRT Trainings

- Tribal
 - April 28-30, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma
 - Registration closed
- Pesticide Enforcement and Use Concerns
 - May 4-8, 2020 in Northampton, Massachusetts
 - Registration closed
- Basic/New Inspector
 - September 25-October 2, 2020 in Savannah, Georgia
 - Registration will open in the summer

Updates

- If your state is interested in hosting a 2021 PIRT, contact Kelly Engle at engle.kelly@epa.gov.
- Remember to check the EPA PIRT webpage for registration links and training information.
 - <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/pesticide-inspector-regulatory-training-pirt>