

# Office of Compliance Update

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# OC Update Overview



- Training – PREP & PIRT Schedules and Update
- Compliance Advisories
- Environmental Justice
- Worker Protection Standard compliance monitoring



# Upcoming 2023 PREP Courses and Nomination Dates



- **New Pesticide Managers**  
April 17-20; Fort Collins, CO.....Nominations closed.
- **Comprehensive Worker Protection Standard**  
June 26–29; Davis, CA.....Apply by **March 23**
- **Compliance and Enforcement Management**  
August 28–31; Denver, CO.....Apply April 27 – May 25
- **New Technology and Emerging Issues**  
October 16–19 Davis, CA.....Apply June 15 – July 13

See the *2023 Course Announcement* flyer at: <https://agsci.colostate.edu/agbio/prep/>

# Upcoming 2023 PIRT Courses



- **Enforcement & Use Concerns**

May 8-12; Northampton, MA.....Apply by **March 6 (TODAY)**

- **Basic Pesticide & Use Concerns**

July 31- August 4; Asheville, NC.....Nomination period will open in the Spring

- **Basic Inspector**

August 28–31; Savannah, GA..... Nomination period will open in the Spring



# Compliance Advisories



- “What you Need to Know About Producing, Distributing or Selling Pesticide Devices”, February 2023
  - <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-02/pesticidecomplianceadvisory.pdf>
- “What You Need to Know Regarding Products Making Claims to Kill the Coronavirus1 Causing COVID-19 (UPDATE)”; January 2021
  - <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/documents/cornavirus-compliance-advisory.pdf>
- “EPA Regulations About UV Lights that Claim to Kill or Be Effective Against Viruses and Bacteria”, October 2020
  - <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/documents/uvlight-complianceadvisory.pdf>

# FIFRA State Grantee Inspections Reported at EOY





# Environmental Justice - EPA



- Executive Order 13985 (01/25/2021) directed all federal agencies to advance racial equity and support for underserved communities.
- Executive Order 14008 (02/01/2021) and EPA Administrator Michael Regan's message to all EPA offices (entitled, "Our Commitment to Environmental Justice") specifically called on EPA to strengthen enforcement to help advance the protection of overburdened communities disproportionately impacted by pollution.



- Message from the OECA Acting Assistant Administrator - Strengthening Enforcement in Communities with EJ Concerns (April 30, 2021)
- For 2022, over 56% of on-site inspections were at facilities affecting communities with potential environmental justice concerns, exceeding the 45% goal set for this year.
- Over 44% of our 1,650 civil judicial and administrative cases; addressed facilities in areas with potential environmental justice concerns,

# Worker Protection Standard



- Compliance Monitoring Activities focused on the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) benefit environmental justice communities.
- Generally, it is FIFRA grantees who conduct onsite inspections of agricultural establishments to monitor compliance with the WPS.
  - Even during the pandemic, in FY20, grantees were able to accomplish 3,092 WPS inspections.
  - [EPA's WPS Inspection Manual](#)

# FY 2021 Types of WPS Violations Found

