



Implementation of State Certification Plans

OPP/PRD/Certification & Worker Protection Branch
for SFIREG




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Plan Changes

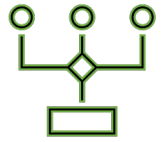
Certification of Pesticide Applicators Regulation [40 CFR 171.309\(a\)](#)

	① Substantial 	② Notable 	③ Incidental 
Notification and approval	Requires EPA pre-approval	Notify EPA within 90 days or in annual report	Notify EPA in annual report
Defined in regulation	1. Add/remove certification or recertification mechanism 2. New category or subcategory 3. Other changes	N/A	N/A
Examples	“Other changes”: Legal authorities, implementation moved back 1 year or more	Statutory/regulatory language, recertification period, competency standards, etc.	Changes to personnel titles, grammar and punctuation, formatting, etc.

EPA Guidance - Progress

Timeframe	Activity	List of changes   	Process & timing	Internal tracking
March/April 	1. PREP course	×	×	
	2. SFIREG survey	×	×	
May/June 	3. EPA managers & staff	×	×	×
	4. Update per input	×	×	×
Summer 	5. SLA input (how?)	×	×	
Fall 	6. Final	×	×	×

Tracking and Implementation of Plan Changes



EPA regional project officers and/or certification rule contacts

- Regular meetings or check-ins



Processing changes to plans now as needed



Certification Plan and Reporting Database (CPARD)

- October – December reporting



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