

State FIFRA Issues Research & Evaluation Group (SFIREG) and Working Committees – Bilingual Labeling Update

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Bilingual Labeling: Coordination at EPA/OPP

- OPP interdivisional Spanish Labeling Workgroup
- EPA formed subgroups to address the various provisions of PRIA 5
 - Accessibility Subgroup – evaluating public feedback and NEJAC recommendations
 - Communications Subgroup – working on additional FAQs for the EPA website
 - Tracking Subgroup – finalizing the draft tracking proposal for review
 - Spanish Translation Guide Subgroup – evaluating public feedback and drafting an updated version
- Coordinating with EPA/OPP registering divisions on implementation issues (e.g., QR codes, supplemental distributor labeling)



FY24 Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach

- OCSPP Regional WPS Quarterly Calls – 10/31/23
- U.S., Mexico and Canada Technical Working Group on Pesticides – 11/7/23
- PPDC Meetings – 11/16/23 & 6/6/24
- Focus Groups with Farmworkers in R9 – 12/5/23, 1/17/24, 2/6/24, & 2/12/24
- SFIREG Meetings – 12/5/23, 4/15/24, 6/4/24 & 9/16/24
- Quarterly PRIA Coalition Calls – 1/18/24, 4/18/24, & 7/18/24
- Quarterly Farmworker Advocacy Stakeholder Calls – 2/22/24
- CLA RISE Conference – 4/17/24
- NEJAC charge questions regarding farmworker accessibility – 4/25/24
- PREP Courses – Week of 4/22, week of 6/24 and week of 8/5
- RISE Meeting – 6/5/24
- ASCPRO Meeting – 8/21/24



FY 2024/25 Planned Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach

- Conduct focus groups with Region 9 and farmworkers on accessibility (Dec 2023-Feb 2024) – **completed**
- NEJAC provided responses to the bilingual labeling charge questions (May 2024) – **completed**
- Update the PRIA 5 Website with bilingual labeling information and Q&As from various stakeholder engagements and webinars – **completed**
- Coordinate with CLA and hold webinar on Q&As with registrants (Fall 2024)
 - Following the update of the PRIA 5 website, CLA will schedule a webinar.
 - The webinar is intended to answer registrants' questions about bilingual labeling.
- Plan to hold discussion with various stakeholders on the tracking of bilingual labeling (tracking plan due Dec 2024)
- Plan to hold discussion with various stakeholders on the accessibility plan in FY24 and FY25 (accessibility plan due Dec 2025)



Stakeholder Feedback on Accessibility

- Bilingual Pesticide Labeling National Webinar
 - June 15, 2023
 - More than 380 participants and 31 speakers
- Public docket (EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0270)
 - Open from June 20, 2023, to August 21, 2023
 - 36 comment submissions
- National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (NEJAC)
 - Presented charge questions to NEJAC on March 30, 2023
 - Received draft recommendations on April 25, 2024
 - Final Recommendations on May 2024
- Focus groups with farmworkers in EPA Region 9
 - December 2023 to February 2024
 - 2 in California, 1 in Nevada and 1 in Arizona



Focus Groups Feedback on Accessibility

- Four focus groups held with farmworkers in EPA Region 9
- 9 to 15 participants in each group (pesticide handlers and farmworkers)
- Participants had a range of experience (<1 year to 50+ years)
- Recommendations include:
 - Use of colors and visuals on the label for risk and signal words
 - Make the information on the label easier to understand
 - Provide information in a central location for the agricultural community (both on the farm and off the farm)
 - Provide more and enhanced trainings
 - Use an app or website that links to reliable up-to-date information
 - Use videos to explain the label
 - Provide pesticide safety education to children in agricultural communities



NEJAC Feedback on Accessibility

- NEJAC charge questions regarding farmworker accessibility – draft recommendations received April 25, 2024.
 - Conduct additional outreach
 - Make the language of pesticide materials accessible
 - Share Spanish-language pesticide information in different locations
 - Share updated information immediately
 - Collaborate with other organizations to expand broadband internet connectivity
 - Improve annual WPS trainings for farmworkers
- Final recommendations – May 2024
- Provide an update to NEJAC on how EPA is implementing the recommendations within 6 months and a full report in one year.



Questions?