

Pesticide Inspector Residential Training Update

**FULL SFIREG COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 4, 2025**

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PURPOSE

We provide pesticide educational training to enforcement staff of pesticide state lead agencies, territories, and tribes.

PIRT Team



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EPA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

- PIRT's Cooperative Agreement is between USEPA's OECA and the NASDA Foundation.
- The five-year project period began August 2, 2024.
- PIRT is funded by State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding.



Funding

- PIRT was included in the recent review of Cooperative Agreements. PIRT was not terminated. PIRT has been notified that our funding is safe through September 30, 2025.
- [PIRT Program Overview](#)
- Per EPA's Budget in Brief, PIRT would be completely cut for Federal FY26. We do have sufficient FY25 funding to allow us to continue work, but that has not been broached at this time.
- While the federal budgets are being negotiated, we are proceeding as planned.



PIRT Steering Committee

Tony Cofer, AL

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YEAR 1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Convened the Steering Committee
- ❖ Revised the PIRT Charter
- ❖ Reviewed Topic Survey and Choose Courses for the year
- ❖ Sept 2024 – ESA Compliance Workshop, Philadelphia PA
- ❖ February 2025 – Basic Structural PIRT, Decatur GA
- ❖ May 2025 – WPS PIRT, Grand Rapids MI



YEAR 1 UPCOMING

- ❖ July 2025 – Tribal PIRT, Flathead Reservation, Polson MT
- ❖ New Topic Survey Coming Out – June 5, 2025
- ❖ Reconvening the Steering Committee to set priority courses for Year 2
- ❖ October 2025 – Basic Inspector PIRT, Burlington VT

ESA Compliance Workshop September 2024



Workshop Overview

September 18-19, 2024, Philadelphia, PA

Pesticide regulatory agencies' inspection and compliance programs will be responsible for determining how pesticide applicators are implementing and complying with the ESA Strategy pesticide use requirements. Guidance and information on how to conduct inspections and determine compliance is needed by EPA and co-regulators (states, territories and Tribes) to ensure successful implementation of the ESA Strategies. This workshop served as an initial step toward forming a consistent and robust approach for monitoring compliance with pesticide use requirements related to EPA's ESA Strategies. The workshop focused on inspection processes for documenting pesticide applicators' compliance with the EPA ESA Strategies as they become implemented. Participants were asked to work together to identify issue areas and form recommendations for monitoring compliance with the run-off/erosion and drift mitigation measures, which are the core of the ESA Strategies.

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

DISCUSSION GUIDES

WORKSHOP NOTES

WORKSHOP AGENDA

HERBICIDE STRATEGY

INSECTICIDE STRATEGY

DECISION TREE

Basic Structural PIRT February 2024



Industry Partners: Rollins and Arrow



Worker Protection Standard

May 2025



Fireside Chats - GA: Bonnie Rabe & Faye Golden

- We invite retired state and tribal pesticide program staff to share what they think is important for inspectors to understand, from the vantage point of a full career behind them.



Fireside Chats - MI: Brian Rowe & Eric McCumber





Deepest thanks to our incredible planning groups!

- EPA: Helene Ambrosino; Michael Bauman; Royan Teter; Ricardo Jones; Sharon Dobesh-Beckman; Kevin Urlich; Aiden Black; Ryne Yarger; Kevin Martin; Sherry Kinard; Lauren Achstatter; Fabiola Estrada; Shawn Hackett
- States: Steve Dwinell; Derrick Lastinger; LeAnna Merritt; David Huber; Ryan Okey; Allison Cuellar; Ofelio Borges; Travis Snodgrass; Ernesto Lugo; Lynn Timmer; Antonio Castro-Escobar; Matthew Wood; Susie Nichols; Stephanie Ende; Anthony Lamanno; Pat Farquhar
- Tribal Nations: Africa Dorame-Avalos; Jasmine Courville; Renee Keezer; Tacy Jensen; Eric Gjevre
- Industry: Bonnie Rabe



Impact spanning the US

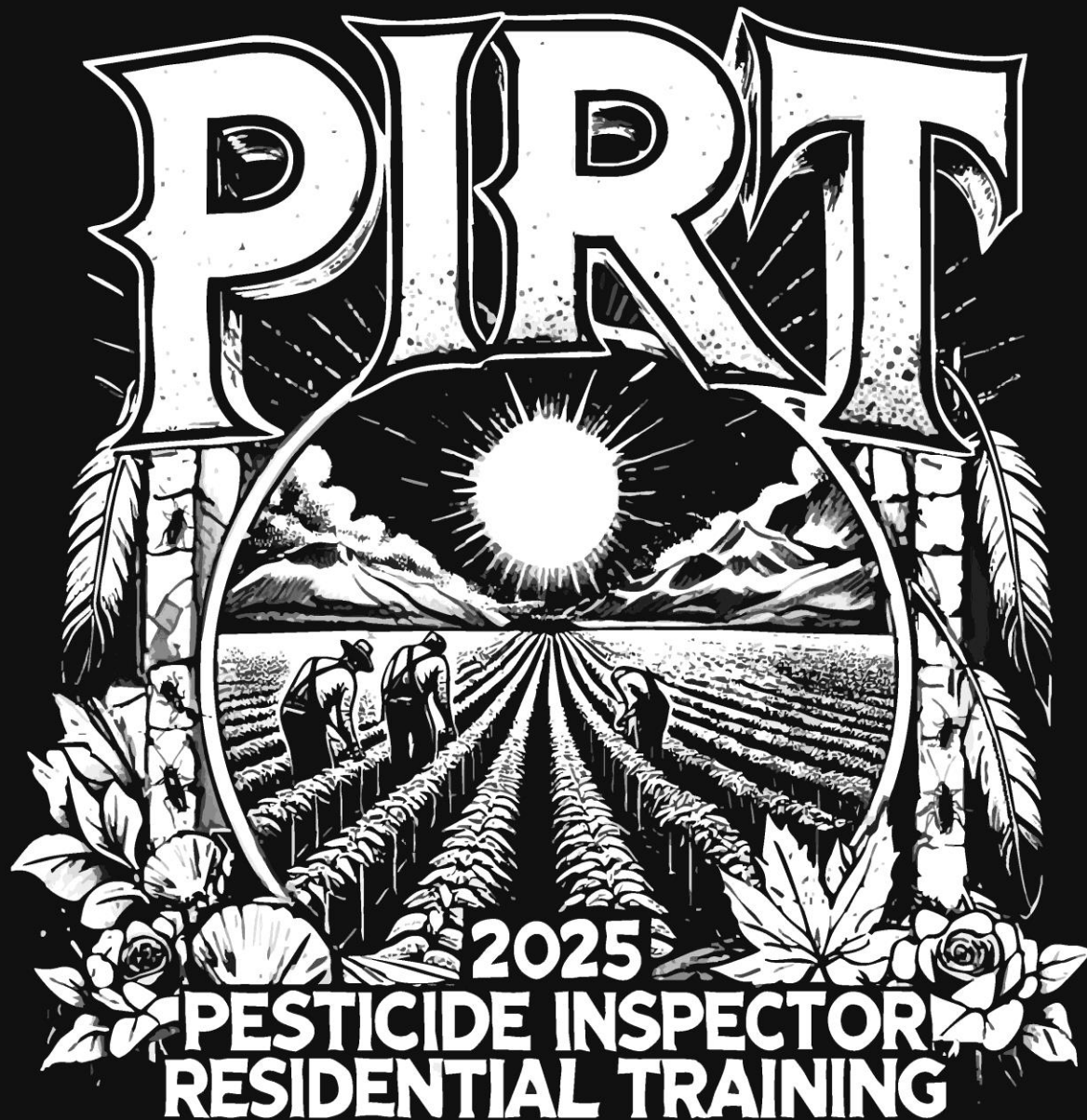
- 104 State, Tribal, and Federal attendees
- 19 States have participated, some with multiple attendees
- 14 Tribal nations have participated

If you haven't nominated your inspectors for a PIRT, please do so! Basic Inspector PIRT nominations open on July 7th.



Topic Survey

- The topic survey will be sent out to States, Tribes, and EPA regions on June 5, 2025.
- We have added a question asking if you would like PIRT to host a workshop focused on drafting an ESA Inspector Guidance.
- Thank you in advance for your thoughtful responses, as this survey will help determine our upcoming courses!



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BASIC STRUCTURAL
FEBRUARY 3-6, 2025 | DECATUR, GA

WORKER PROTECTION
MAY 12-15, 2025 | GRAND RAPIDS, MI

TRIBAL
JULY 21-24, 2025 | POLSON, MT

BASIC INSPECTOR
OCTOBER 6-9, 2025 | BURLINGTON, VT



ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

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