

# Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Updates

## SFIREG JWC Meeting

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Pesticides, Wastes, and Toxics Branch, OECA

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# Overview

Office of Compliance – Management Structure

Office of Civil Enforcement – Structure/Enforcement Contacts

FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance

Ongoing Projects and Planned Training

Enforcement Cases

Compliance Tips

Compliance Assistance Resources

# Office of Compliance / OECA

## **Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Program Division**

Loren Denton – Director

Beth Ragnauth – Deputy Director

Melissa Schefski – Associate Director

## **Pesticides, Waste, and Toxics Branch**

Ricardo Jones – Acting Branch Manager

# Pesticides, Waste, and Toxics Branch

**Funding / Budget:** Ricardo Jones

**FIFRA (general):** Michael Bauman and Emma Cross

- Inspection support resources
- FIFRA STAG Cooperative Agreement Guidance (including the FIFRA Grant Database)
- National grantee data compilations

**FIFRA Section 7 Tracking System:** Michelle Yaras and Michael Bauman

**PIRT:** Kelly Engle

# Office of Civil Enforcement / OECA

## Waste and Chemical Enforcement Division

Greg Sullivan – Director

Diana Saenz – Associate Director

**Senior Advisor (FIFRA):** Royan Teter

## Pesticides and Tanks Enforcement Branch

Christina Cobb – Branch Manager

### General FIFRA enforcement inquiries / tips

Email “[oce\\_FIFRA\\_matters@epa.gov](mailto:oce_FIFRA_matters@epa.gov)” for timely responses to enforcement questions

# FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance

Amended guidance issued June 25, 2025

No substantive changes

- Remains in effect until EPA issues updated guidance
- Updated EPA water quality monitoring data contacts
- Removed content if it did not align with Administration priorities or Executive Orders

**Amended 2022 – 2025 FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance (PDF)**

URL: <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2025-08/22-25guidance-amended.pdf>

# OC Ongoing Projects

## Updating

- Worker Protection Standard Inspection Manual
- FIFRA Inspection Manual
- FIFRA Compliance Monitoring Strategy

## Coordination with Co-regulators

- Cooperation on development of compliance monitoring tools for compliance with endangered species labeling requirements
- PIRT & PREP
- Regular meetings with AAPCO and ASPCRO leadership

# Pesticide Inspector Residential Training - PIRT

## Grantee: NASDA Foundation

- Grant Administrators: Gary Giguere and Amy Sullivan
- Inspector Basic PIRT: October 6 – 9, 2025
- Planning three courses/one workshop for FY 2026

# EPA Enforcement Cases – 2025

**Costco Wholesale Corp.** (May 2025) – Region 10

- \$3,066,724 civil penalty / [Press release](#)

**Winix America Inc.** (May 2025) – Region 10

- \$1,145,749 civil penalty / [Press release](#)

**Stephan Co** (June 2025) – Region 5

- \$1,126,404 civil penalty / [Press release](#)

**Tranzonic Cos.** (aka Hospeco Brands Group) (July 2025) – Region 5

- \$326,200 civil penalty / [Press release](#)

EPA press releases URL: <https://www.epa.gov/newsroom>

# Compliance Tips

**Research** regulatory requirements for new products prior to distribution

- Registration, labeling, import, sale, production and use

**Fact check** supply chain assurances

- Manufacturers and others – pesticide and establishment registrations

**Monitor** supplemental distributors

**Conduct** routine internal audits

**Monitor** and **Subscribe** to EPA communication platforms/list-servs for new info

# Compliance Assistance Resources

## **Pesticide Registration Manual**

- URL: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/pesticide-registration-manual>

## **EPA Compliance Advisories and Enforcement Alerts**

- URL: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/compliance-advisories-and-enforcement-alerts>

## **Pesticide Devices: A Guide for Consumers webpage**

- URL: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/pesticide-devices-guide-consumers>

## **Compliance Assistance Centers**

- URL: <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-assistance-centers>