EPA Worker Protection Standard Checklist
Check to see if you are in compliance

This checklist serves only as a brief overview of basic Worker Protection Standard (WPS) requirements. For complete details of your responsibilities, refer to the EPA’s How to Comply with the 2015 Revised Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides: What Owners and Employers Need to Know manual, or contact your nearest Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture office.

Central Location
☐ All information is legible, up to date, and accessible to employees
☐ Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for all pesticide products used are available at the central location.
☐ The EPA-approved pesticide safety information (poster) is posted and includes emergency medical information and PDA regional office numbers.
☐ The following records are displayed and available for at least 30 days following the expiration of the restricted-entry interval (REI): location of treated area, pesticide product name, active ingredient(s), EPA registration number, and the date and time of the application and of the REI.

Pesticide Safety Training
☐ Complete WPS training is given to both workers and handlers annually and before they work in treated areas or perform any handling duties.
☐ Training records for at least the last two years are on file.
☐ EPA-approved training materials are used in training.
☐ Training is presented in a language the trainees can understand.
☐ Trainers are properly qualified.

Decontamination Sites

Handler decontamination sites:
☐ Have at least three gallons of water per handler, soap, single-use towels, and coveralls.
☐ Are located at the mixing/loading sites, within a ¼ mile of the application site, and where personal protective equipment (PPE) is removed.
☐ Are supplied with at least one pint of immediately available clean water for eye flushing when a label specifies the use of protected eyewear.
☐ Permanent decontamination sites are marked with pesticide safety information (poster).
☐ Mix and load site has an eyewash system.

Decontamination Sites (continued)

Worker decontamination sites:
☐ Have at least one gallon of water per handler, soap, and single-use towels
☐ Are located within a ¼ mile of the work site.
☐ Are provided for 30 days following the end of the REI (seven days with REIs of four hours or less).
☐ Permanent and temporary (for 11 or more employees) decontamination supply sites are marked with the pesticide safety information (poster).

Applicator Notification
☐ Oral and/or posted warnings are given according to label requirements.
☐ Appropriate warning signs are used and posted at all usual entry points to treated areas.
☐ Warning signs are posted not more than 24 hours prior to treatment and removed within three days following the end of the REI.
☐ Oral warnings are given in a language workers can understand.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
☐ Label-required PPE is provided for handlers and early entry workers.
☐ PPE is kept clean and well maintained.
☐ A clean place for PPE storage is provided.

Employer Information Exchange
☐ Information is supplied by the custom applicator for central location posting prior to applications.
☐ Information is supplied to custom applicators about REIs in effect on the property to which they are exposed.

Monitoring Handlers
☐ Sight or voice contact is made at least every 2 hours with handlers using pesticides with skull and crossbones on the label.
☐ Constant voice or visual contact is maintained with handlers using fumigants indoors.