

Proposed changes to the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard



The Environmental Protection Agency announced Feb. 20 their proposed changes to the current Worker Protection Standard and is seeking input for the final version. The following list of proposed changes is a direct quote that comes from a fact sheet released by the EPA:

—Increased frequency of mandatory trainings (from once every five years to annually) to inform farm workers about the protections they are afforded under the law, including restrictions on entering pesticide-treated fields and surrounding areas, decontamination supplies, access to information and use of personal protective equipment. Expanded trainings will include instructions to reduce take-home exposure from pesticides on work clothing and other safety topics.

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