

# **NOTE**

The Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Inspection and Enforcement Accomplishment Report is prepared annually by EPA based on data submitted by states and tribes or the regional program staff in instances where EPA manages the WPS program.

This data represents only those inspections reported to EPA and may not include all inspections or enforcement actions taken by a state or tribe. This is an overview of WPS violations during WPS inspections. States and tribes voluntarily reported on the ten specific WPS violation categories that each enforcement action covered.

EPA provides guidelines on reporting WPS compliance monitoring and enforcement activities conducted under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) Cooperative Agreement program.

### **WPS Violation Categories**

The agriculture employer, including owners and managers of agricultural establishments, employers of agricultural workers and handlers, commercial applicator employer and farm labor contractors, are responsible for complying with all WPS provisions. The ten specific WPS violation categories are:

- 1. **Pesticide Safety Training**—Failure of agricultural employer to ensure that each worker or handler is trained according to the provisions of WPS.
- 2. **Central Posting**—Failure of agricultural employer to display required information at a central location on the agricultural site where it is readily accessible to workers and handlers.
- 3. **Notice of Application**—Failure of agricultural employer to ensure that notification and posting requirements for pesticide applications comply with the WPS label.
- 4. **Entry Restrictions**—Failure of agricultural employer to ensure that no one enters or remains in the treated area during a pesticide application other than an appropriately trained and equipped handler, until the time specified by label and regulations has elapsed.
- 5. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**—Failure of agricultural employer to assure that handler uses the clothing and PPE specified on the label for use of the product.
- 6. **Mix or Loading, Application Equipment**—Failure of agriculture employer to assure that handler performing mixing or handling activities received instructions in the safe operation of such equipment.
- 7. **Decontamination**—Failure of agricultural employer to provide decontamination supplies for washing off pesticides for workers and handlers in accordance with the WPS.
- 8. **Emergency Assistance**—Failure of agricultural employer to provide emergency medical assistance and prompt transportation to an appropriate emergency medical facility to a worker or handler.
- 9. **Information exchange**—Failure of agricultural employer to provide specific information to commercial handler employer about all areas on the establishment that the handler may be in and that may be treated with a pesticide or that may be under a restricted-entry interval. Or, the failure of handler-employer to provide specific information to agricultural employer about the application of any pesticides on or in an agricultural establishment before any application
- 10. **Retaliation**—Action taken to punish or discourage a worker or a handler from complying or attempting to comply with any requirement of WPS by the agricultural employer.

	Pesticide				Personal	Mix/Loading, Application				
	Safety	Central	Notice of	Entry	Protective	Equipment &	Decontamina	Emergency	Information	
Regions	Traning	Posting	Application	Restrictions	Equipment	Applications	tion Supplies	Assistance	Excahange	Retaliation
Region 1	10	27	4	0	11	1	1	0	2	0
Region 2	88	57	68	5	9	0	74	43	22	1
Region 3	93	66	18	0	26	0	15	1	4	0
Region 4	252	287	29	45	53	14	68	7	3	0
Region 5	101	112	32	9	28	0	43	2	5	0
Region 6	19	8	3	0	2	1	2	2	0	0
Region 6 Tribe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 7	36	31	16	11	17	12	9	8	14	0
Region 8	32	41	9	4	11	1	18	3	12	0
Region 8 Tribe	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Region 9	53	49	29	13	20	17	19	1	3	0
Region 9 Tribe	3	3	2	1	2	0	3	1	3	0
Region 10	52	97	11	3	44	2	40	2	10	0
Region 10 Tribe	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	740	778	71	33	224	48	292	70	78	1

States	Pesticide Safety Traning	Central Posting	Notice of Application	Entry Restrictions	Personal Protective Equipment	Mix/Loading, Application Equipment & Applications	Decontamina tion Supplies	Emergency Assistance	Information Excahange	Retaliation
Region 1	Training	1 031119	Application	restrictions	Ечирисп	Applications	tion oupplies	Assistance	Excandinge	retaliation
Connecticut	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maine	3	5	3	0	9	0	1	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	4	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Rhode Island	2	11	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	27	4	0	11	1	1	0	2	0
Region 2										
New Jersey	32	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	22	0
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	55	44	53	5	9	0	73	43	0	1
Virgin Islands	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	88	57	68	5	9	0	74	43	22	1
Region 3										
Delaware	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	2	3	2	0	7	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	88	61	13	0	19	0	13	1	1	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	93	66	18	0	26	0	15	1	4	0
Region 4										
Alabama	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	110	109	13	25	24	4	45	0	1	0
Georgia	32	71	0	11	5	0	2	0	0	0
Kentucky	11	10	1	3	1	7	6	3	0	0
Mississippi	16	15	4	2	4	2	3	4	0	0
N. Carolina	57	68	1	3	18	1	10	0	0	0
S. Carolina	11	3	9	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Tennessee	9	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Total	252	287	29	45	53	14	68	7	3	0

	1					Mix/Loading,				
	Pesticide				Personal	Application				
	Safety	Central	Notice of	Entry	Protective	Equipment &	Decontamina	Emergency	Information	
States	Traning	Posting	Application	Restrictions	Equipment	Applications	tion Supplies	Assistance	Excahange	Retaliation
Region 5										
Illinois	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0
Michigan	6	8	5	1	1	0	3	0	0	0
Minnesota	75	90	19	5	21	0	34	0	1	0
Ohio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	19	13	7	3	5	0	5	2	0	0
Total	101	112	32	9	28	0	43	2	5	0
Region 6										
Arkansas	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	5	5	2	0	1	1	2	2	0	0
Oklahoma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas	11	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	19	8	3	0	2	1	2	2	0	0
Region 6 Tribe										
Jicarilla Apache	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 7										
Iowa	15	10	8	7	5	7	5	7	7	0
Kansas	7	4	2	0	7	3	3	1	5	0
Missouri	13	12	5	4	4	2	1	0	1	0
Nebraska	1	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Total	36	31	16	11	17	12	9	8	14	0

States	Pesticide Safety Traning	Central Posting	Notice of Application	Entry Restrictions	Personal Protective Equipment	Mix/Loading, Application Equipment & Applications	Decontamina tion Supplies	Emergency Assistance	Information Excahange	Retaliation
Region 8	Training	1 Osting	Application	TACSUICUOIIS	Equipment	Applications	tion Supplies	Assistance	LACallalige	retaliation
Colorado, Federal	12	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Colorado, State	2	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	1	0
Montana	4	17	4	1	2	0	7	1	4	0
N. Dakota	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0
S. Dakota	1	6	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Utah	9	2	4	2	4	0	4	0	6	0
Wyoming	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32	41	9	4	11	1	18	3	12	0
Region 8 Tribes										
Three Affiliated Tribes	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oglala Sioux Tribe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Region 9										
Arizona	33	21	20	9	4	16	6	1	0	0
California	10	22	0	4	9	1	9	0	0	0
Hawaii	6	3	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	4	3	7	0	5	0	3	0	3	0
Total	53	49	29	13	20	17	19	1	3	0
Region 9 Tribes										
Salt River Tribe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado River Tribe	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
Fort Mojave	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocopah	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Quechan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Navajo Nation	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Gila River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	3	2	1	2	0	3	1	3	0

Total	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yakima Nation	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Region 10 Tribe										
Total	52	97	11	3	44	2	40	2	10	0
Washington	13	18	1	2	7	0	13	1	2	0
Oregon	29	72	9	1	32	2	25	0	0	0
Idaho	4	2	1	0	5	0	2	0	8	0
Alaska	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Region 10										
States	Pesticide Safety Traning	Central Posting	Notice of Application	Entry Restrictions	Personal Protective Equipment	Mix/Loading, Application Equipment & Applications	Decontamina tion Supplies	Emergency Assistance	Information Excahange	Retaliation