



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

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Dear EPA Representative:

It is our pleasure to invite your agency to participate in the 2017 Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training (PIRT) course. The 2017 PIRT program will focus on the revisions to the WPS hosted by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) in conjunction with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **This email will be your only opportunity to register for this 2017 Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training (PIRT) course.**

The program will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Portland City Center in Portland, Oregon from April 24-27, 2017. **Class will begin on April 24th at 8:00AM and end on April 27th by Noon. April 23rd and April 27th (or the 28th, if necessary) will be used as travel days to and from the meeting site.**

The target audience of this program will be new or experienced pesticide inspectors who have not attended PIRT training in the last two years. The objective of the course will be to present the many facets of the WPS revisions including the definition changes, exemptions, exceptions, protection from application drift, worker and handler training, respirator requirements, HAZCOM, and mitigation measures. We will also cover special topics including OSHA 1910.134 requirements and other related topics.

EPA inspectors who are selected for the course will be required to find their own travel and some meals. The hotel will allow \$169 plus 15.3% taxes per night for EPA employees, which is consistent with federal per diem rates. Boxed lunches will be provided to PIRT funded participants on Tuesday during the field trip.

We are looking forward to having your nominee attend this training opportunity. We realize that this represents a substantial commitment of time. However, ODA and the EPA feel the curriculum will enhance the ability of your inspector to address pesticide misuse incidences and related investigations in your State or Tribe. Therefore, we request a full commitment from the participants to attend and participate in the entire program.

Supervisors of inspectors please submit the online nomination form for your agency's representative and alternate by **January 15, 2017**. Please select individuals who can benefit most from the program. Preference will be given to individuals who have not attended a PIRT course in the last two years. Once the nomination form has been received, participants will be notified of their confirmation and additional information will be sent regarding travel, lodging, Oregon per diem rates, and an updated agenda by February 15, 2017.



If you have any questions pertaining to this program, please feel free to contact Mike Odenthal at (503) 986-4655 or by email at modenthal@oda.state.or.us.

For information regarding logistics (deadlines, reimbursements, travel, accommodations, and special diet restrictions), please contact Renita McNaughtan at (503) 986-4779 or by email at rmcnaughtan@oda.state.or.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale L. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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