

The Duck Valley Worker Protection Standard (WPS)- What it is and Does it apply to you?

The SPT Pesticides Ordinance SPO-2007-03, Article 15

Section 1. **Purpose:** The Duck Valley Worker Protection Standard (WPS) shall cover all applicators, mixers, handlers, workers and loaders of all pesticides regardless of the work environment, including all areas of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation

Section 2. **Hazard Communications:** Proper posting of Restricted Interval (REI) shall be adhered to as defined by the label directions of the product being used. Proper posting on personal protective equipment, decontamination, and training requirements shall be posted centrally in a location where applications are occurring.

Section 3. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** All persons applying pesticides shall don the proper personal protective equipment required for their protection and as the pesticide label directions require.

Section 4: **Decontamination:** If a person applying pesticides is exposed to pesticides they shall be provided the proper decontamination by their supervisors or other authorities that direct the pesticides applications.

Section 5. **Training:** All permitted applicators applying pesticides shall have the proper training on protection measures for the type of application they are initiating and conducting.

Under Federal WPS- both general use pesticides and restricted -use pesticides are covered by WPA. However under the SPT Pesticides Ordinance restricted use pesticides are not restricted from being used.

Article 21. Adoption of Federal Standards

The Tribes hereby incorporate by reference the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Worker Protection Standards CFR 40, Section 170. In the event that a pesticide is regulated on the DIVR by the Tribal Pesticides Ordinance and/or FIFRA and/or 40 CFR , Section 170, at the Business Council's discretion, they may use the more stringent law that applies.

Emergency Assistance

When any handler or worker may have been poisoned or injured by pesticides:

1. Promptly make transportation available to the **Owyhee Community Health Facility.**
(775) 757-2415 or call 9-1-1
1. Promptly provide to the victim to obtain medical care and provide the physician with the following:
 - Product name, EPA registration number and active ingredient (s),
 - All first aid and medical information from label,
 - Description of how the pesticide was used,
 - Information about victim's exposure



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Worker Protection Standard (WPS)

The Quick Reference Guide outlines what is necessary for you to comply with applicable Worker Protection Standards. The federal Worker Protection regulation is designed to protect agricultural workers (people involved in the production of agricultural plants) and pesticide handlers (people mixing, loading, or applying pesticides or doing other tasks involving direct contact with pesticides). The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes has a Worker Protection Standard that applies to workers and handlers who apply pesticides in agricultural and non-agricultural sites.

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What is the Federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and Does it apply to you?

The federal WPS requires you to take steps to reduce the risk of pesticide-related illnesses and injury if you (1) use such pesticides, or (2) employ workers or pesticide handlers. Handlers are people mixing, loading or applying pesticides or doing other tasks involving direct contact with pesticides. Workers are people involved in the production of agricultural plants.

You must comply with WPS standards if:

- You own or manage a farm, forest, nursery, or greenhouse where pesticides are used in production of agricultural plants
- You hire or contract for the services of agricultural workers
- You operate a business in which you (or the people you employ) apply pesticides
- You operate a business in which you (or the people you employ) perform task as a crop advisor

Under Federal WPS, you must provide workers and handlers:

You must comply with WPS Standards if:

- Information about exposure to pesticides,
- Protection against exposures to pesticides, and
- Ways to mitigate exposures to pesticides

Pesticide Safety Training

Handler employers must make sure that handlers are trained and worker employers must make sure that workers have been trained, described below about general pesticide safety and about correct ways to handle pesticides.

You must provide basic pesticide safety information to untrained workers before they enter treated areas.

- Provide basic pesticide safety information (written materials, oral communication or other means)

Pesticide Safety Training (Cont.)

- Provide workers with at least the following:
 - Pesticides may be in plants, soil, irrigation water or drifting from nearby application
 - To prevent pesticides from entering your body:
 - ◆ Follow directions and/or signs about keeping out of treated or restricted areas,
 - ◆ Wash before eating, drinking, using chewing gum or tobacco, using the toilet
 - ◆ Wear work clothes that protect your body from pesticide residue
 - ◆ Wash/shower with soap and water, shampoo hair, and put on clean clothes after work,
 - ◆ Wash work clothes separately from other clothes before wearing again
 - ◆ Wash immediately in the nearest clean water if pesticides are spilled or sprayed on you body and then-as soon as possible-shower, shampoo, and change into clean clothes

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

1. Provide handlers with PPE according to the pesticide labeling requires for the task, and be sure it is:
 - ◆ Clean and in operating condition,
 - ◆ Worn and used correctly,
 - ◆ Inspected before each day of use,
 - ◆ Repaired or replaced as needed
2. Be sure respirator fit correctly
3. Take steps to avoid heat illness
4. Provide handlers with a pesticide-free area for:
 - ◆ Storing personal clothing not in use,
 - ◆ Putting on PPE at start of task,
 - ◆ Taking off PEE at the end of task
5. Do not allow used PPE to be worn home or taken home

Summary of WPS Requirements

- **Protection during applications-** Applicators are prohibited from applying a pesticide in a way that will expose workers or other persons. Workers are excluded from areas while pesticides are being applied.
- **Restricted-entry intervals-**must be specified on all agricultural plant pesticide product labels. Workers are excluded from entering a pesticide treated area during the restricted entry interval, with only narrow exceptions.
- **Personal Protective Equipment-**Personal protective equipment must be provided and maintained for handlers and early-entry workers.
- **Notification of workers-**Workers must be notified about treated areas so they may avoid inadvertent exposures.
- **Decontamination supplies-**Handlers and workers must have an ample supply of water, soap, and towels for routine washing and emergency decontamination.
- **Emergency assistance-**Transportation must be made available to a medical care facility if a worker or handler may have been poisoned or injured. Information must be provided about the pesticide to which the person may have been exposed.
- **Pesticide safety training and safety posters-**Training is required for all workers and handlers, and a pesticide safety poster must be displayed.
- **Access to labeling and site specific information-**Handlers and workers must be informed of pesticide label requirements. Central posting of recent pesticide applications is required.