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Pesticide Applicator Meetings (PARP)

Private Pesticide License Holders:

You may have lost track of the date your license expires and how many PARP meetings you have attended during your current 5-year licensing period. You can check these by visiting the State Chemist's website:

<https://oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/index.html>

Once there, click on the 'My Records' tab near the top of the screen (in the gold banner). Then choose 'Pesticide License Search' on the left side of the screen. Enter your last name and choose private applicator as your program type.

For a listing of all of the upcoming meetings that offer credits visit this website:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/extension/ppp/private-applicators/recertification-parp/parp-events/index.html>

Once there choose 'View All Approved PARP Events'. You will see a listing of all of the upcoming PARP meetings in our state, including these nearby meetings.

- **February 12, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST**
Benton County Government Annex Building
410 S Adeway Fowler, IN
- **February 26, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. EST**
Warren County PARP
Purdue Extension Office (Warren County Fairgrounds)
408 SR 28 Williamsport, IN
- **March 7, 2025 9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. EST**
Fountain County Fairgrounds 4H Building
476 US Hwy 136 Veedersburg, IN

It is always helpful to RSVP for these events so that we can get the room set up ahead of time.

You can RSVP to any of these events by emailing Jon Charlesworth at charles6@purdue.edu.



UPDATES FROM OFFICE OF INDIANA STATE CHEMIST (OISC)

OISC has put in a great deal of work and effort over the past couple of years to try to bring Indiana pesticide regulations into alignment with federal rules. During our 2023 and 2024 winter pesticide meetings we spent time updating private applicators on some extra steps they would need to do in order to stay legal. Since that time, believe it or not, some of these rules have actually been relaxed.

Bulk Pesticide Storage

The old rule was that if a tank's capacity was over 55 gallons, it needed a containment dike. Now, with some exceptions, this requirement no longer applies to farmers. Farmers who sell pesticides and are a business must still follow containment requirements. However, containment dikes are only required for tanks capable of holding 500 gallons or more.

Application of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP)

Over the past couple of years we have been pushing everyone to get certified (obtain a private applicator license). The new rules once again allow a farmer who has a private applicator's license to supervise a non-certified applicator. The applicator must be at least 18 years of age and must be directly supervised not only during application but also when mixing, loading, storing, transporting or disposing of restricted use pesticides. Direct supervision means that the supervisor has means of immediate communication with the applicator and this may be done by radio or phone. If the pesticide label requires it, the supervisor may need to be physically present. The non-certified applicators need to receive training at least once annually, have access to the product labels and wear the personal protective equipment mandated by each product's label. Pre-recorded training videos and other resources for these worker protection trainings can be found at:

<https://www.pesticideresources.org/wps-resources/worker-protection-standard-wps-for-pesticide-handlers/>

There is no certification needed to apply General Use Pesticides (GUP) on farms. If the applicator is working for an outside company that applies for hire, they need to be at least 18 years of age and be a certified applicator or registered technician.

Pesticide Application Recordkeeping

There is no record keeping required for general use pesticides. There are a number of required items that need to be recorded for restricted use pesticides. A list of these items can be found at:

https://www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/pdf/pesticide_recordkeeping_031224.pdf

These records should be maintained for 2 years. A free downloadable record keeping form can be obtained here:

https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/extension/ppp/resources/ppp-publications/_docs/ppp-152.pdf

Over the Top Dicamba Products

The dicamba products Xtendimax, Engenia and Tavium are not approved for over-the-top application to soybeans for 2025. Unless these products get an emergency waiver, they will not be part of our weed fighting arsenal for the 2025 growing season. What are the chances of these products receiving such an emergency waiver? Very low.