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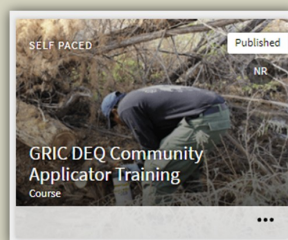
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## Introducing eLearning for Community Applicators

The Pesticide Control Office is pleased to announce that the Community Applicator training program is now available online in eLearning format. This format will allow potential applicants to complete the required training consisting of ten modules as they seek to obtain a Community Applicator certification.

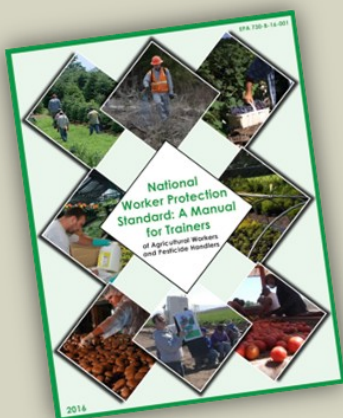
The Community Applicator certification is available only for Gila River enrolled members and its governmental and enterprise employees. However, the training is open to anyone seeking a basic understanding of pest management.

Further information as well as the Community Applicator training registration form for can be found [here](#).



## Worker Protection Standard: Training for Trainers

During this time of physical distancing, obtaining pesticide safety training for agricultural employees can be a challenge when seeking to remain in compliance with the Worker Protection Standard (WPS.)



While the Pesticide Control Office is able to provide virtual pesticide safety training, this may not always be a viable option for most agricultural employers.

A solution is for agricultural employers to become qualified trainers and train their own employees under the WPS. This is the most convenient way to ensure an agricultural employer's own employees are trained each year.

Resources to support employers in obtaining their training qualification can be found [here](#).

**NOTE:** If you are an agricultural employer of employees who will be working on state land and not Tribal land, you must follow the training requirements of the state jurisdiction.

## Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Registered Pesticides

Protection of water resources is a national Tribal priority that is receiving much needed attention lately. Traditionally, tribes utilize water resources during activities such as fishing, and gathering plants for basket weaving and cultural practices.

As part of an effort to address newer pesticides and as well as updates to previously registered pesticides, the EPA has released an updated aquatic life benchmarks table, to aid states and Tribal governments in the interpretation of water monitoring data.

More information regarding the updated aquatic life benchmarks can be found [here](#).

