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Community
Applicator
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To register for the
eLearning version of
the CA Training,
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Arizona Department
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Annual
Recertification
Course

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SUGGESTIONS?

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EPA Releases Final Evaluations: Glyphosate, Atrazine, & Simazine

After consideration of public comments, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized its biological evaluations (BEs) for glyphosate, atrazine, and simazine, three herbicides that are used to control a variety of grasses and broadleaf weeds. The EPA has also released a summary document of comments received on the draft BEs and EPA responses. A BE is a document that contains EPA's analysis of the potential effects of a pesticide on federally threatened or endangered species and their designated critical habitat. It includes any conclusions that the pesticide may affect, and is likely to adversely affect, any of these species or habitats.



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2022 Permit and Certification Renewals

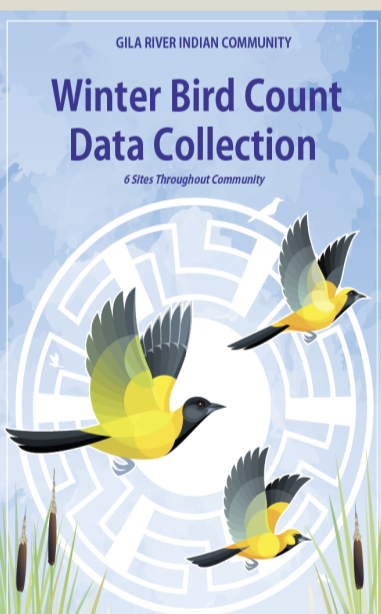
Just a reminder; before conducting a regulated pesticide activity, ensure that your Pesticide Use Permit (PUP) is current. Applicators applying a restricted use pesticide must also ensure that they have a valid Community Certified Applicator (CCA) before applying, or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides.



To obtain a PUP or a CCA, visit the PCO website [here](#).

Annual DEQ Winter Bird Count

As we have learned over history, the use of some pesticides have had devastating effects to many bird species. Through research and regulation, these harmful pesticides have been removed from use. It is important to continue to monitor current bird populations and reduce the impacts that pesticides may have on them.



Started in 1998, the Winter Bird Count is an annual event that promotes cultural and environmental awareness within the Community. This special event features over 80 local and wintering bird species that call the Community's environment home. Northern harriers, bufflehead ducks, white-crowned sparrows, and gila woodpeckers are among the birds seen each year.

The cultural aspect of the Winter Bird Count brings together the Community, especially youth and elders, to share and celebrate cultural ties to the birds of the Community. Culturally enriching bird songs, dances, and stories at the event are shared by knowledgeable cultural leaders of the Community. Field information gathered through the event is useful in understanding bird population trends and habitat usage over time.

The GRIC DEQ sponsors the Winter Bird Count and partners with the [Huhugam Heritage Center](#), Audubon Society, Tribal Rangers, and cultural leaders within the Community.

Contact the DEQ Outreach Program [here](#), for information regarding this year's Winter Bird Count.

Safe Use of Rodenticides

As we head into colder months, rodents will be seeking warmth and shelter indoors, sometimes in living areas.



Rodent baits can be an effective way of controlling rodent problems, but extreme caution must be taken when utilizing baits. Accidental poisoning or secondary poisoning are a couple of the risks associated with use of rodent baits...

More on this [here](#).