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Your feedback and ideas are welcome.

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Coming Soon: Draft Revised Pesticide Code

Ever since the Community adopted the latest Pesticide Code, GR-05-14, the program has worked to put those tools in place necessary to implement the code and worked to provide you with the compliance assistance necessary to comply with its standards. Over the years, you have provided your feedback and we have listened.

We have recently completed a revised draft of this code, which is staged to start the public notification process in the coming months. Your feedback was instrumental in streamlining this draft by reducing redundancy while ensuring the requirements were clear, concise, organized, and relevant to this tribal community.

A lot has occurred since the last revision of the Code. Two significant federal rule changes were enacted: 40 CFR 170, Worker Protection Standard and 40 CFR 171, Certification of Pesticide Applicators. In addition, housing within the Community has expanded, new irrigation canals have been built or upgraded to support agriculture and commercial enterprises within the Community have increased. These have all played a part in changing the landscape for regulating the usage of pesticides within the Gila River Indian Community.



While our committed team of pesticide professionals gear up to introduce this draft to the Community and its stakeholders in the coming months, we encourage you to take the opportunity to provide further feedback and participate in planned presentations at the district level and stakeholder meetings for the regulated community.

Please be on the lookout for further updates.

EPA Expands Pesticide Outreach and Education

In February, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) celebrated National Pesticide Safety Education Month to raise awareness for pesticide safety education and share best practices for using pesticides safely in and around our homes. Throughout the year, EPA provides resources and takes action to protect the



well-being of all those who may come in contact with pesticides, from consumers who use disinfectants in their homes to pesticide handlers and farmworkers who work with and around pesticides in the fields.

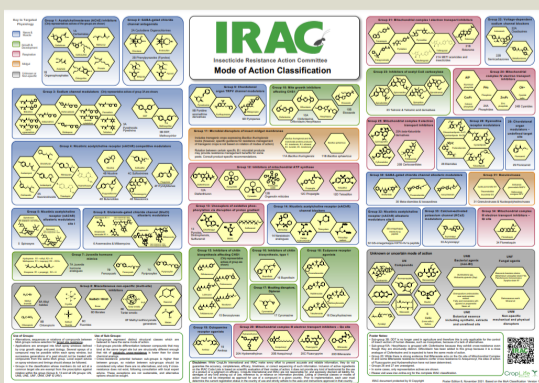
EPA's Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) aims to prevent and reduce pesticide poisonings and injuries among agricultural workers and

pesticide handlers, an effort propelled by making pesticide safety information accessible in several languages. EPA now offers a Spanish-language video (available in two lengths) that is based on learning from focus groups comprised of migrant and seasonal farm workers. The videos emphasize the importance of handwashing when working in agricultural areas where pesticides may be used.

Read more [here](#).

Managing Pesticide Resistance

According to the University of California, pesticide resistance can become a problem when the same chemicals are used over and over to control a particular pest. After a period, the pest may develop resistance to a chemical so that the chemical no longer effectively controls the pest at the same rate, and higher rates and more frequent applications become necessary until eventually the chemical provides little or no control. The best way to manage pesticide resistance is to focus on three strategies: avoid, delay, and reversal.



Read more [here](#).