

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Updates

ASPCRO Annual Meeting

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Overview

Office of Compliance management structure

Office of Civil Enforcement structure/enforcement contact

FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance

Planned Projects and Training

Enforcement cases

Compliance tips

Compliance Assistance Resources

Office of Compliance / OECA

Monitoring, Assistance and Media Program Division

- Loren Denton – Director
- Beth Ragnauth – Deputy Director
- Melissa Schefski – Associate Director

Pesticides, Waste and Toxics Branch

- Ricardo Jones – Branch Manager

Pesticides, Waste and Toxics Branch

Funding / Budget: Ricardo Jones

FIFRA (general): Michael Bauman and Emma Cross

- Inspection Support Resources
- FIFRA STAG Cooperative Agreement Guidance including FGD
- National Grantee Data Complications

FIFRA Section 7 Tracking System: Michelle Yaras and Michael Bauman

PIRT: Kelly Engle

Office of Civil Enforcement / OECA

Waste and Chemical Enforcement Division

- Greg Sullivan – Director
- Diana Saenz – Associate Director

Senior Advisor (FIFRA): Royan Teter

Pesticides and Tanks Enforcement Branch

- Christina Cobb – Branch Manager

General FIFRA enforcement inquiries / tips

- **Email “oce_FIFRA_matters@epa.gov”** for timely responses to enforcement questions

Cooperative Agreement Guidance: FY 22-25

Amended guidance issued June 25, 2025

No substances changes

- National pesticide program cooperative agreement guidance
- Updates EPA water quality monitoring data contacts
- Content removed if not aligned with Administration's Five Pillars and President's EOs

[Amended 2022 – 2025 FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance \(PDF\)](#)

Link: <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2025-08/22-25guidance-amended.pdf>

OC Planned Projects

Updating

- Worker Protection Inspection Manual
- FIFRA Inspection Manual
- FIFRA Compliance Monitoring Strategy

PIRT – Year 2 funded and planning for 2026

Basic Inspector PIRT – 10/6-9/2025 Burlington, VT

Coordination with PIRT and AAPCO/SFIREG

- Continuing enforcement tools for endangered species labeling

Pesticide Inspector Residential Training

Cooperative agreement awarded to NASDA Foundation

- Administrators: Gary Giguere and Amy Sullivan
- Inspector Basics course: October 6 – 9, 2025
- Planning 2026 courses

PIRT courses planned: Four to five a year

EPA Enforcement Cases - 2025

Costco Wholesale Corp. (May 2025) – Region 10

- \$3,066,724 civil penalty / [Press release](#)

Winix America Inc. (May 2025) – Region 10

- \$1,145,749 civil penalty / [Press release](#)

Stephan Co (June 2025) – Region 5

- \$1,126,404 civil penalty / [Press release](#)

Tranzonic Cos. (aka Hospeco Brands Group) (July 2025) – Region 5

- \$326,200 civil penalty / [Press release](#)

EPA press releases URL: <https://www.epa.gov/newsroom>

Compliance Tips

Research regulatory requirements for new products prior to distribution

- Registration, labeling, import, sale, use

Fact check supply chain assurances

- Manufacturers and others – product and establishment registrations

Monitor supplemental distributors

Conduct internal audits routinely

Monitor EPA communication platforms closely for new info

Compliance Assistance Resources

Pesticide Registration Manual

- URL: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/pesticide-registration-manual>

EPA compliance advisories and enforcement alerts

- URL: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/compliance-advisories-and-enforcement-alerts>

Pesticide Devices: A Guide for Consumers webpage

- URL: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/pesticide-devices-guide-consumers>

Compliance Assistance Centers

- URL: <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-assistance-centers>