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Department of Environmental Quality

Pesticide Control Office

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## Pesticide Program Updates

With our permitting "Season" behind us, we would like to thank everyone for your flexibility during our migration to digital application submissions and full integration of our on-line payment portal. To date, we have received 58 Pesticide Use Permit applications, 22 Community Certified Applicator applications and 62 fee payments (57 used our on-line payment portal system). This change has resulted in quicker processing turnaround times. If you have not completed your renewal, information regarding authorizations and payment portal can be found here: <https://www.gricdeq.org/pesticide-authorizations>

Aerial pesticide applications by way of drones have come to the Gila River Indian Community. No longer reserved for just science fiction movies, drone technology is the latest tool in use by applicators to treat agricultural fields.



Aerial applications are subject to Federal and GRIC laws, and therefore are regulated by our office.

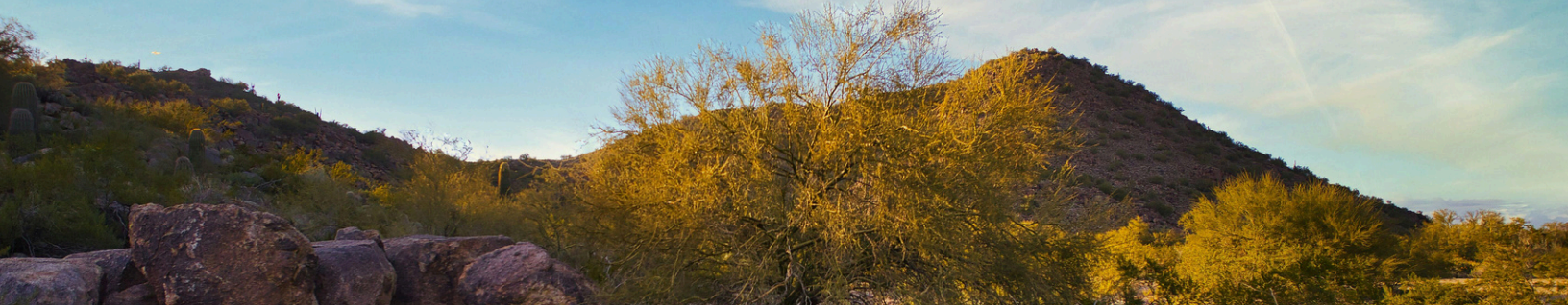
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## **National Pesticide News**

### **National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)**

The NPIC has a wealth of education and informational resources available for those in the industry and the public. When you get a chance, please check out their website: <https://npic.orst.edu/>

### **Registration of Dicamba for Use on Dicamba-Tolerant Crops**

EPA has approved three dicamba herbicide products for over-the-top use on cotton and soybeans for the next two growing seasons. For information, go to <https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/registration-dicamba-use-dicamba-tolerant-crops>

## **Compliance Assistance Corner**

To apply General Use Pesticides (GUPs) within the Gila River Indian Community will depend on who your employer is.

### **Community Applicator Certification**

A GRIC Government or GRIC Entity employee who applies GUPs must first obtain a Community Applicator Certification prior to applying the GUP. This authorization is obtained by first submitting an application, [FORM DEQ-PCO-02](#), and supporting documents. Our Education & Outreach Specialist, Mr. Tison Gill, will enroll you in our Department's eLearning course. At the completion of the course, you will be issued a Community Applicator Certification.

### **Certified Applicator**

Non-GRIC Government or GRIC Entity employees who apply GUPs must be certified with the Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA). Please note that the Community's Pesticide Code, [GR-004-22](#), does not allow for a "grace period" for new applicators to obtain their credentials and does not allow a non-certified applicator to work "under the supervision" of a certified applicator.



### **Community Certified Applicator**

These are reserved for persons applying Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs). This requires an applicator to 1) Obtain their Certified Applicator credential with the ADA, 2) Submit this credential to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), along with their completed application, 3) Submit both the ADA and the EPA's credentials to the GRIC Pesticide Control Office, along with FORM DEQ-PCO-02 and receipt of payment.

### **Pesticide Storage Requirements**

According to the Community's definition of a stored pesticide, the pesticide "must be placed or left in a location for preservation, disposal or later use in excess of 72 hours, not to include pesticides displayed for sale."

When storing pesticides, requirements under Section 18.308. of the Pesticide Code, Pesticide Storage Requirements, must be adhered to. Some examples include: the proper labeling of service containers, proper storage methods, and ready access to decontamination and safety supplies. Please familiarize yourself with these requirements, as the Pesticide Code does not differentiate whether the pesticide is stored in a mobile (work truck) or fixed (structure or connex box) location.





# IPM Training

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona School IPM Conference - a great opportunity for continuing education, professional development and networking.

Dates: April 21 and 22, 2026

Venue: Cooperative Extension Office, 4341 E Broadway Road, Phoenix 85040

Registration fee, in-person and online options, refreshments and lunch provided, great location with lots of free parking, great speakers and great topics!

In Person

Online

Feel free to reach out with any questions regarding the event

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## Gila River Indian Community Online Payment Portal

You can now pay permit, registration or certification fees by CCARD through the internet, telephone, or via mail.

<https://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/about-us/payment-options>

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