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Spray Drift & Temperature Inversions

Spray drift from temperature inversions can be a costly and frustrating problem for pesticide applicators. It's particularly frustrating because some of the seemingly best weather conditions for pesticide application are often the worst. That is because those conditions are caused by air temperature inversions. Air temperature inversions provide near-perfect conditions for tiny, aerosol-size droplets to drift away from their targets.



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Understanding inversions is essential to following regulations that prohibit pesticide application during inversions, observing pesticide manufacturers' warnings about inversion conditions on product labels, and...

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Certification & Training Update

The EPA has finalized stronger standards for people who apply restricted use pesticides (RUPs) through the revision of the Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule. The January 4, 2017 final rule became effective March 6, 2017. You may read the official version of the final rule in the [Federal Register](#). State certification programs will be advising their respective certified applicators regarding any revisions to the state's certification and training requirements.

Currently, certified applicators seeking to apply RUPs within the boundaries of the Community must first become federally certified by the EPA, and then obtain a Community Certified Applicator certification from the Pesticide Control Office (PCO.) This can create delays in the certification process which can hinder a certified applicator's ability to conduct business in a timely manner.



To address this issue, the PCO has submitted a Certification and Training Plan to the EPA for approval. Under the plan, certified applicators would not need to obtain a federal certification from the EPA, which would result in quicker certification issuance by the PCO. This would be accomplished by the PCO accepting through reciprocity a certified applicator credential issued by a state that has an EPA approved certification program.

The PCO will continue to provide updates on the status of the Certification and Training Plan.

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