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The Glyphosate Debate

Science can be a tricky thing; over the course of humanity there are many examples of the evolution of scientific research and technological advancements which have led to changing public opinion and policy development. Scientific research often undergoes decades of scrutiny before a consensus is drawn and even then the political climate of the era can play an important role. Political will for change or action, driven from public opinion, needs to be present for policy to reflect scientific research findings. However, understanding the research and the potential motives behind the findings can be a daunting task in itself.

The Pesticide Control Office (PCO) brings this to light as there is a national debate that is on-going regarding glyphosate and it's alleged carcinogenic properties. Therefore, we wish to provide the Community with sound resources from which reliable information can be gathered.

After a new pesticide active ingredient is researched and developed by a chemical company desiring to market the pesticide, a pesticide registration application must be submitted to the EPA. In evaluating a pesticide registration application, the EPA assesses a wide variety of potential human health and environmental effects associated with use of the product. For more information on the EPA pesticide registration process, click [here](#).



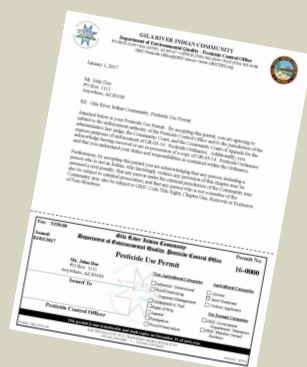
The recent debate surrounding glyphosate and its current registration, stems from a study conducted by the World Health Organization. This study has led to additional research from universities and other organizations to determine the effects of glyphosate. For a comprehensive report on the largest study on glyphosate to be published, click [here](#).

Through compliance monitoring, the PCO enforces both Tribal and Federal pesticide laws on behalf of the Community, to ensure that the pesticides used within the Community have active EPA registrations and are used according to their respective pesticide labels.

Permit & Certification Renewals

It's that time of year again- time to renew Pesticide Use Permits (PUP) and Community Certified Applicator certifications (CCA.) All PUPs expire December 31, while CCA expiration depends upon the expiration date listed on the issued CCA card.

Before conducting a regulated pesticide activity, ensure that your PUP is current. Applicators applying restricted use pesticides must ensure that they have a valid CCA before applying, or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides.



For renewal information, visit the PCO website [here](#).

CLASSES & TRAINING

Arizona Department of Agriculture

Annual Recertification Course

December 13, 2018
8:00 - 11:30am
12:45 - 4:00pm
Maricopa Ag Center
37860 W. Smith-Enke Road
Maricopa, AZ 85138

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