

What is the Tribal Circuit Rider Program?

The Tribal Pesticide Circuit Rider Program is a cooperative agreement effort by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (U.S. EPA), the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and Blackfeet Tribe to implement the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) in Indian Country. FIFRA is a national law that regulates pesticides and their use while seeking to educate pesticides users to reduce misuse and to protect public health and the environment.

The program is similar in purpose to State Pesticide Enforcement Programs, and works closely with state and Federal agencies on pesticides, endangered species, water quality, pesticide use reduction, and worker protection related issues.



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Pesticide Circuit Rider in Indian Country

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passed on to us*



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Types of FIFRA Inspections

- Agricultural Use Inspections Applications of pesticides for agricultural purposes including Worker Protection Standards
- Non-Agricultural Use Inspections- Pesticide applications to non agricultural sites, including structural applications of pesticides in hospitals, schools, residences, and rodent control
- Marketplace Inspection-Stores selling pesticides
- Experimental Use Permits and cancelled and suspended products
- Complaint or incident investigations

What is the job of the Pesticide Inspector?

The pesticide inspector's job is to maintain an unbiased approach in collecting the facts regarding the compliance with pesticide labeling and pesticide laws and regulations. The inspector will collect information or evidence by:

- Interviewing and obtaining statements
- Reviewing application records and pesticide labels
- Taking photographs
- Conducting an on-site assessment
- Collecting physical evidence/samples, such as soil, water, vegetation, clothing and other types of samples

Case Review Process

After an inspection is completed, the inspector will submit the report to Region 8 EPA Pesticides office in Helena, Montana for case determination.

The report will be reviewed to determine if there were any violations of FIFRA or associated rules and if there is sufficient evidence to support an enforcement action (s).

If a violation is determined a regulatory action will taken. Depending on the severity of the violation and whether the individual has a history of previous violations the following actions may be taken by EPA:

- Warning letter
- Compliance order
- Stop sale, use or removal order
- Assess a civil penalty or fine for each violation

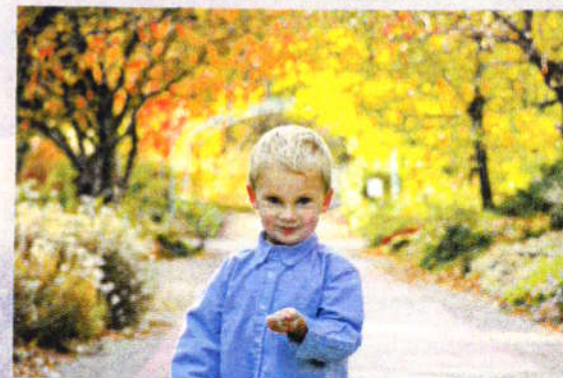
Certain information may not be released if it is determined that it could interfere with the progress of the investigation

Results of the laboratory analysis performed on samples from your property can be shared with you while the investigation is underway.

When a decision is made, you will be notified by the EPA-Montana Operations Office in Helena if an enforcement action is taken.

Applicator Certification and Training
To apply Restricted Use pesticides an applicator must obtain an appropriate applicator certification

Have a complaint or a question?
Interested in a presentation to your school or group?
Contact Willie Keenan of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes at 406-883-2888 ex. 7208



Helpful Websites

Montana Department of Agriculture
<http://agr.mt.gov/>

EPA Agriculture Compliance Assistance Center
<http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/>

Free agriculture information 1-888-663-2155

Pesticide Label Information
<http://www.greenbook.net/>

<http://ppis.ceris.perdue.edu/>