



EPA Extends Comment Period for the Proposed New Pesticide Certification and Training Requirements to January 22nd.

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EPA has proposed new pesticide certification and training requirements for licensed pesticide applicators. Details of the proposed requirements and potential implications in Montana can be viewed at <u>http://www.pesticides.montana.edu/News/Miscellaneous/agalertcertificationtrainingrequirements.pdf</u>. The original comment period deadline of November 23rd, 2015 was extended to December 23rd previously. EPA has now extended the comment period to <u>January 22nd, 2015</u>. This will allow interested individuals more time to organize comments.

Comments can be submitted via <u>www.regulations.gov</u> under docket number EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0183.

After the comment period, EPA will review and consider the public comments, and where needed, change the proposed requirements. EPA will draft the final regulation which will be reviewed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of Management and Budget. When these reviews are complete, the EPA will issue the final regulation.

*You may also access details directly using the '<u>EPA comparison chart</u>' or see all details at the <u>EPA</u> <u>website</u>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For all details regarding the proposed action see the <u>EPA</u> <u>website</u>. For questions regarding implications in Montana contact Cecil Tharp, Pesticide Education Specialist (406-994-5067; <u>ctharp@montana.edu</u>). For technical questions or further details regarding commenting contact Michelle Arling, <u>arling.michelle@epa.gov</u>; 703-308-5891.