



Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program

Expectations

Congratulations!

We are excited about your interest and participation in EPA's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP). The program provides participants flexibility for achieving their risk reduction goals and works with members needing guidance. Participants are expected to meet the following expectations to remain in good standing.

Partnership Pledge

As a PESP participant, your organization shares EPA's pesticide risk reduction goals and is proud to commit to the following:

- Affirm that environmental stewardship is an integral part of your pest management practice.
- Use current, comprehensive information regarding the life cycles of pests within your pest management program.
- Educate a diverse citizenry on the benefits of Integrated Pest Management.
- Demonstrate a commitment to pesticide risk reduction activities.

PESP's Commitments to Members

In recognition of your Partnership Pledge, EPA, in return, pledges to do the following:

- Increase awareness of the PESP brand by distributing key messages through publications, meetings, grants, and stakeholders.
- Provide current PESP news, information, and reference documents (via the program Website, Helpline, e-mail, and other means).
- Provide PESP participants with public recognition for their involvement in the program and role in protecting the environment through an online listing of members, special awards, and other efforts.
- Swiftly respond to partner requests for information or clarification on PESP or its policies.

General Terms

- Members will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program constitutes federal government (EPA) approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than the partner's commitment to the ideals of the program.
- Nothing in this partnership, in and of itself, obligates the EPA to expend appropriations or to enter into any contract, assistance agreement, interagency agreement, or incur other financial obligations that would be inconsistent with Agency budget priorities. The partner agrees not to submit a claim for compensation for services rendered to EPA or any federal agency in connection with any activities it carries out in furtherance of this agreement.
- Participants and PESP will assume good faith as a general principle for resolving conflict and will seek to resolve all matters informally, so as to preserve maximum public confidence in the program.
- Failure to comply with any of the terms of this partnership agreement can result in its termination and cessation of access to the benefits of the program, including use of the program marks.
- PESP will actively pursue resolution of noncompliance related to the use of the program marks.
- Both parties concur that this agreement is wholly voluntary and may be terminated by either party at any time, and for any reason, without penalty. Termination will begin effective immediately upon written or email notice to or from PESP. Upon termination of this agreement, partners agree to remove program marks in a timely manner, consistent with the PESP mark guidelines.

Disclaimer

PESP membership does not constitute an endorsement by EPA or PESP of your organization. As a PESP member, we recognize your commitment to IPM and pesticide risk reduction. In the event a member becomes inactive for an extended period of time (i.e. greater than one year), misuses the EPA or PESP logo, or uses messaging that significantly conflicts with that of PESP, EPA reserves the right to discontinue membership and will provide notification by letter.