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ISDA to Host WPS Train-the-Trainer Session in Caldwell

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) will be hosting a Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Train-the-Trainer session on **Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in Caldwell**. The training will be tailored toward agricultural operators. Pesticide dealers, professional pesticide applicators and labor contractors who provide services to agricultural establishments also are highly encouraged to attend.

The federal WPS regulation directly affects operators of farms, forestry operations, nurseries and greenhouses, as well as employees in these industries. Designed to protect agricultural workers and their families from pesticide exposure, the WPS was first implemented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992.

Significant changes to the WPS went into effect on January 1, 2018, and the regulation now requires agricultural workers and pesticide handlers to be trained annually by a licensed pesticide applicator or a certified trainer. Participants who complete a Train-the-Trainer session will become certified trainers.

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER SESSION DETAILS

April 9, 2019	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Elks Lodge, 1015 N Kimball Avenue, Caldwell, Idaho
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The session will be **approximately six hours long and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. local time**. A one hour lunch break will take place from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. **Pre-registration is required**. Registration can be requested by emailing the ISDA at wps@isda.idaho.gov. Emailed registrations must include name, phone number, and the number of people attending the training. Seating is limited. There is no cost to attend.

Please address questions to Luis Urias at (208) 332-8663, Daniel Sandoval at 208-366-5157, or your nearest ISDA field office.