

Request for Project Ideas for 2017

The Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC) led by University of California of Davis Extension and Oregon State University invites your ideas for projects in 2017 to serve the nation's needs. Your ideas will be considered by the PERC Advisory Board. They may be related to:

- The newly revised Worker Protection Standard (WPS),
- Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training Regulations, and/or
- Other pesticide-related topics such as pollinator protection, IPM, and protecting air/water resources.

Please <u>send us your project idea using this link</u> before August 19, 2016 to have it considered by the PERC Advisory Board for the 2017 priority list. <u>http://goo.gl/forms/XfsIZ9Fvg69LosP03</u> This is not a solicitation, but a gathering of input on resources that are needed.

Projects could include brochures, fact sheets, posters, videos, manuals, and mobile tools, while addressing the needs of low-literacy and multilingual audiences. These materials will educate people, and potentially prevent pesticide exposure incidents for pesticide applicators and handlers, workers, and their families.

PERC is funded to develop pesticide-related educational resources. Many are already listed on our website: <u>http://pesticideresources.org/status.html</u> and many more are under development. Additional ideas that we already collected informally include: a Train-the-Trainer manual in Spanish; a Handout for workers (because trainers often want to give out the TTT handbook); a Handout for handlers; Forms & guidance related to 'Designated Rep'; and a manual for structural fumigation (requested by a member of ASPCRO).

There are two ways PERC can decide to begin projects:

1) Annually, the Advisory Board evaluates a wide range of project ideas, and selects those that address national needs.

2) PERC Administrators may propose projects at any point during the year, if a time-sensitive project idea is received, and the need was previously identified by the Advisory Board.

After a project is approved by the Advisory Board, PERC uses a competitive process to select Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and production professionals (i.e., illustrators, videographers). Selected individuals may be paid by PERC.

About PERC: The PERC is funded by a 5-year cooperative agreement (#X8-83616301) from the U.S. EPA which will support the development of resources and materials on the safe use of pesticides by applicators and handlers in agricultural, commercial, and residential settings.

Project idea receipt deadline: Friday, August 19, 2016. For questions, please contact Suzanne Forsyth (<u>spforsyth@ucdavis.edu</u>) or Kaci Buhl (<u>Kaci.Buhl@oregonstate.edu</u>).