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NASDA Commends EPA for Extending Timeline on Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule

Following the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) announcement today of their 12-month extension of implementation of the Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule changes, NASDA CEO Dr. Barbara P. Glenn issued the following statement:

"We greatly appreciate EPA extending the effective date of this rule. While we are generally supportive of the improved final rule released in January, States are facing a range of on-going logistical, resource, and capacity challenges. These challenges are amplified as states work to implement other recent EPA requirements, such as the Worker Protection Standard. Extending the certification timeline will help alleviate some of those challenges by allowing states to work with our EPA partners to ensure adequate training resources and compliance assistance activities are in place to ensure we educate before we regulate."

NASDA's comments on EPA's proposed rule can be found [here](#). NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries, and directors of the departments of agriculture in all fifty states and four U.S. territories. NASDA grows and enhances agriculture by forging partnerships and creating consensus to achieve sound policy outcomes between state departments of agriculture, the federal government, and stakeholders. Learn more about NASDA at www.nasda.org.

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