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In the United States, pesticides are regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. There are two basic laws dealing with pesticide regulation: the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), originally passed in 1947, and the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), passed by Congress in 1996. FIFRA has been substantially amended over the years. These two laws define how pesticides may be registered, sold, used, transported, stored, and disposed of in the U.S. Additional laws address specific concerns such as safety of pesticide workers (the Worker Protection Standard), protections for endangered species (the Endangered Species Act), and other issues. The following sources of information on the federal programs provide background on these laws and policies.

- Pesticide laws: www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/laws.htm
 - FIFRA
 - FQPA
 - Endangered Species Act
- Endangered species protection: www.epa.gov/espp/index.htm
- Major environmental laws: www.epa.gov/lawsregs/laws/index.html
- Regulating pesticides: www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/index.htm
 - evaluating potential new pesticides and uses
 - minor uses – specialty crops and sites
 - providing for special local needs and emergency situations
 - reviewing safety of older pesticides
 - registering pesticide producing establishments
 - enforcing pesticide requirements

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- Tolerances: www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/tolerances.htm
- Pesticide Data Program: www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/pdp
 - residues in food
- Restricted Use Pesticides list: www.epa.gov/opprd001/rup/
- U.S. pesticide labels: www.cdms.net/LabelsMsds/LMDefault.aspx
- Label Review Manual: www.epa.gov/oppfead1/labeling/lrm/
 - technical requirements for U.S. pesticide labels
- Worker Protection Standard: www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/workers/amendmnt.htm
 - special protections for those occupationally exposed to pesticides on or in farms, forests, greenhouses, or nurseries
- USDA Pesticide Safety Education Program: www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/pest/part/pesticides_part_psep.html
 - pesticide applicator training
- Pesticide Safety Education Programs (via North Central IPM Center website): www.ipmcenters.org/contacts/PSEPDiretory.cfm
 - PSEP Coordinators Directory by state
- Association of American Pesticide Control Officials: www.aapco.org/officials.html
 - directory of state pesticide control officials