

EPA ENDANGERED SPECIES MITIGATION COMPLIANCE FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATORS

To comply with their obligations under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is implementing new label requirements to ensure pesticides are being used in a way that will reduce the risk of impact and harm to endangered species through drift or runoff/erosion.

Mitigation language will appear on new pesticide labels approved by EPA and be added to existing registrations as they come up for review and renewal.

- Mitigation will be determined on a **per field basis**. Each field will need its own mitigation calculations.
 - ◇ Runoff/erosion mitigation will be expressed as “points” to achieve on a label. Points will range from 0-9. Points are earned by implementing various measures, such as using specific farming practices, applying pesticides in a way that reduces runoff as well as considering their location and field characteristics.
 - ◇ Drift mitigation will appear as a buffer distance that can be reduced to zero if enough mitigation practices to reduce drift are implemented.
- Pesticide Use Limitation Areas (PULAs) are areas that will have additional restrictions beyond what is listed on the product label. The label will direct you to check the *Bulletins Live! Two* website within six months of application to see if your area requires any additional mitigation.
- You must check **both** the product label and the *Bulletins Live! Two* website referenced on the label to determine the points/buffer distance needed to comply.
- EPA has developed multiple resources to assist tracking and compliance. These tools will show you different mitigation practice options and how many points or buffer reduction distance each practice will gain you.

Bulletins Live! Two Website

<https://bit.ly/BulletinsLive2>



EPA PALM App

<https://bit.ly/49zZowo>



EPA Excel Calculator Tool

<https://bit.ly/44PdIwY>



For questions regarding Endangered Species Mitigation Compliance, please reach out to your area [Pesticide Use Investigator](#) or call (573) 751-5504.



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