



# TELAMON Pesticide Safety Training

FREE, FLEXIBLE AND INTERACTIVE TRAINING FOR YOUR WORKFORCE

**TELAMON'S** flexible and interactive pesticide safety training is recognized by the Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services as complying with the requirements for training under the EPA's Worker Protection Standard (WPS).



### WHO NEEDS PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING?

The EPA requires that employers take steps to protect two groups of agricultural employees: workers and pesticide handlers. Workers who are involved in the following activities need pesticide safety training: weeding, watering, planting, harvesting related to the production of the plants on farms, forests, vineyards, nurseries and greenhouses. The EPA requires that Worker Protection Standard training be provided in the worker's native language and within one to five days of employment depending upon the type of work performed.

To help employers comply with EPA requirements, Telamon collaborates with an increasing number of partners that include: Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Employment Commission and VA Green Industry.

### WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING

*"Just want to share with you the outcomes of my recent inspection. The pesticide investigator had a very positive impression of the business. He told me that with companies like mine, it was very simple to do his work. I want to thank Telamon for its help and want to reserve a time every year to have pesticide safety classes for the workers."*

— Noel Hernandez, Manager, American Color

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Telamon Pesticide Safety training is a free, flexible and interactive program that is delivered in one hour for workers to one day for handlers. Customized programs are available for your farm business.
- Workers participating in training receive EPA verification cards. The cards are valid for five years.
- Employers receive a roster complete with names and signatures of trained workers.
- A heat stress presentation with specific information on prevention, recognition and how to act in case of emergency.

### TELAMON CORPORATION

Since 1965, Telamon Corporation, a private, nonprofit organization, has been providing resources and training to improve the lives of migrant and seasonal farmworkers and other rurally disadvantaged populations. In 2006, Telamon-Virginia expanded its services to provide Worker Protection Standard training in accordance with EPA guidelines to farmworkers throughout the Commonwealth. Since then, over 5,000 farmworkers have been trained.

*In 2008, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Virginia Pesticide Control Board presented Telamon's Trainer and three other individuals with a First Place Certificate of Recognition for their outstanding participation in that year's Pesticide Safety Education Program.*

Call **800-285-1676** or visit **telamon.org** and learn more about Telamon's training programs.



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