Working in Cold Weather

Winter is here but work on the farm and ranch still needs to be done. Here are some article links for you to help get producers ready for what winter has in store for us this year.

- OSHA Cold Stress Guide
- Cold-Related Conditions and Agriculture
- Tips from a Penguin: How to Avoid Falling on the Ice

Worker Protection Standard—Proposed Changes

The EPA has announced a 90-day comment period on proposed changes to the Worker Protection Standard’s Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ). If you are interested in submitting comments on these proposed changes, you have until January 30, 2020. These changes should make it easier to comply with the AEZ requirements. To see the proposed changes go to https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-proposed-rule-update-pesticide-application-exclusion-zone-requirements. If you want to submit comments via mail: identify your comment with the appropriate docket ID and document title to ensure that the comment is submitted to the correct docket. The Docket ID is EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0543 and the title is “Pesticides; Agricultural Worker Protection Standard; Revision of the Application Exclusion Zone Requirements”. Mail comments to the following:

OPP Docket
Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC) (28221T)
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460-0001

SAY National Clearinghouse

Ag safety and health curriculum or resources that align with AFNR standards can be promoted through the SAY National Clearinghouse. Contact Linda Fetzer or visit the SAY Project homepage.

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