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Dear Region 8 SLAs:

Attached is the first round of Q&As from EPA HQ. Please share with the appropriate members of your team.

In January 2017 the EPA revised the Certification of Pesticide Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) regulation ("Certification rule"). FIFRA Section 11 requires EPA approval of a certification plan before a state can administer a pesticide applicator certification program. To continue to administer a pesticide applicator certification program, the Certification rule requires that states submit revised certification plans to EPA by March 4, 2020. EPA must approve or reject revised certification plans by March 4, 2022. Your contact during the certification plan review and approval process is Blake Huff in Denver, Colorado.

EPA has drafted several documents to aid in the revision of your Certification plan and is committed to sending them to you as they become available. Attached is one of those documents, Q&As for Certification plan revisions. In the very near future, we anticipate sending you more Q&As, a Certification Plan outline, checklist, a crosswalk of old and new regulatory text, and a comparison chart.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we navigate through this collaborative process. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

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