FY2018-2019 EPA-HAWAII PESTICIDE CONSOLIDATED PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT

ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION WORKPLAN

I. INTRODUCTION

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) is the lead state agency for the enforcement of the Hawaii Pesticides Law (Chapter 149A, Hawaii Revised Statutes) and the Hawaii Administrative Rules (Chapter 66, Title 4). The HDOA has the statutory authority to control the sale and use of pesticides through applicator certification, applicator education and outreach, product registration and licensing, use and misuse surveillance, and the administration of enforcement actions.

Under the Hawaii Pesticides/Endangered Species Protection Program (ESPP), the HDOA has overall responsibility for:

- Developing and administering the plan.
- The day-to-day program development and implementation activities.
- Coordinating regularly with federal and state agencies, and various interest groups.
- Conducting outreach efforts to the regulated community and others affected by the plan.

II. OBJECTIVES

Education and outreach is the main focus of efforts of the Education Specialists of the Pesticides Program with regard to the ESPP. Activities such as distribution of educational materials, presentations, and consultative visits will be performed to increase the public knowledge of this program. Activities such as workshops will be performed to inform pesticide users and pesticide inspectors of the ESPP.

A. Program Areas

1. **Conduct on-site verification** inspection to consult with pesticide users (farmers, golf courses, etc.).

2. **Consultative services to pesticide applicators** (certified and non-certified). These "non-enforcement" on-site visits are provided to assist users in identifying pest control practices that do not affect endangered species.

3. **Outreach efforts through presentations, distribution of materials, exhibits**. Educational Specialists will perform these outreach efforts to inform pesticide users, pesticide inspectors, and the public about the Endangered Species Protection Program, how you can reduce risks to endangered species, and how to access the Endangered Species Protection Bulletins.

4. **Development of informational materials** to be used in study material, examinations, consultative visits, outreach, and compliance assistance activities. Informative materials will developed for direct mailing to all certified applicators.

5. **Inform and train staff** for implementation, compliance assistance, and enforcement through memoranda, meetings, and during the annual Pesticides Program workshop. These sessions will also include information regarding the goals of the Endangered Species Protection Program, Endangered Species Protection Bulletins, how to read the Bulletins, and how to use resources such as BulletinsLive! to access historical and current bulletins.

6. **Continuing education training to applicators, both certified and non-certified**, which cover a variety of pesticide related topics, including endangered species protection. Most of these training sessions provide certified applicators with continuing education credits which may be used towards "recertification". Maintenance of certification credits for each hour of applicable training are given for classes which have been reviewed and approved in advance by Educational Specialists. Program personnel also participate in continuing education programs offered by other organizations. Training will also include goals of the Endangered Species Protection Program, changes to label statement requirements by the EPA, how to use Endangered Species Protection Bulletins, where to find Bulletins, and how to use resources such as BulletinsLive!

7. **Certification of applicators** to assure competency of individuals applying restricted use pesticides. Educational Specialists of the Pesticides Program administer and grade examinations and periodically review examinations for revisions.

8. **Endangered Species Inspection Reporting**. Information including compliance and non-compliance areas, numbers of use and for cause inspections where product was labeled requiring additional pesticide use limitations and reference to Endangered Species Bulletins, and number of use and for cause inspections where violation of Endangered Species labeling requirements were violated will be collected, summarized, and reported to the EPA.

9. **Registration and Licensing Coordinator.** All special local needs registration applications and emergency exemption requests are provided to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Forestry & Wildlife for review and comment. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service may be consulted if necessary.

III. WORK PROGRAM

A. Program Management

	FY2018	FY2019
1. Bulletin Development Reviewing and providing comments on draft bulletins affecting Hawaii.		

B. Training Program

1. The HDOA provide in-house training of personnel during the annual Pesticides Program workshop.	November 2017	November 2018
2. Participate in EPA sponsored training programs and from other organizations.	as offered	as offered
3. Develop informational materials to educate personnel about ESPP, including label statements, bulletins, goals of program, etc.	as required	as required

C. Outreach	FY2018	FY2019
Production of material for distribution, presentations, or for exhibits/displays.	as required	as required
1. Consultative visits at operations affected by the bulletin to assist and to evaluate efforts.		
2. Presentations to the regulated community.		
3. As the designated non-Federal representative for informal consultation, will consult with the Fish & Wildlife Services on Section 18 and Section 24(c) registrations requiring consultation.	ongoing	ongoing
4. Keep pesticide users, program personnel and the public informed of fact sheets, bulletins, reading and understanding bulletins, accessing historic bulletins, and updates on development of the Federal program as they become available from the EPA.	ongoing	ongoing
5. Articles for "The Pesticide Label."	biannually	biannually
D. Enforcement		
1. Production of material for distribution, presentations, or for exhibits/displays.	After publication of Bulletins applicable to specific counties and specified product labeling enter the marketplace.	
E. Procurement Under Assistance Agreements		
1. Update information on vendors' DBE status	as new vendors are utilized	
2. Complete and submit the MBE/WBE Utilization Report (EPA Form 5700-52A) to EPA.	10/31/2018	10/31/2019