

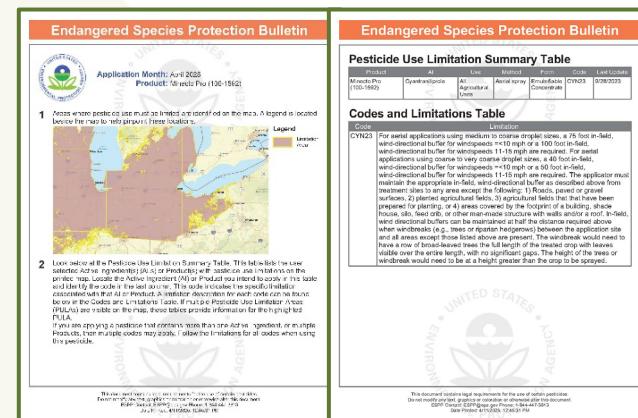
TRACK: Best Management Practices for Navigating the ESA Process for Pesticides

TAKE A LOOK AT THE LABEL AND FOLLOW IT - IT'S THE LAW

- Follow all mandatory label language outlining mitigations related to spray drift management and runoff management.
- Determine if the label has specific requirements for endangered and threatened species protections outlined in the Directions for Use Section or in the Endangered and Threatened Species Protection Requirements Section.

REVIEW BULLETINS LIVE! TWO (BLT) - UP TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE APPLICATION

- If the label contains an endangered species section directing the applicator to BLT, the applicator must proceed to the following website: <https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species/bulletins-live-two-view-bulletins>.
- The applicator needs to enter the field location, application month, and the product's EPA registration number.
- If the application site is in a Pesticide Use Limitation Area (PULA), the applicator must follow the use restrictions outlined in the bulletin as these may be more restrictive than the standard label.
- It is good practice to print the bulletin **whether the application site is within a PULA or not**. Record keeping will demonstrate compliance with the label in the case of an audit and mitigation record keeping will earn one relief point for runoff mitigations.



For example, Minecto Pro in Michigan - If a PULA is found at your location, it is necessary to follow the additional requirement steps listed for aerial applications.

ASSESS REQUIRED RUNOFF MITIGATION POINTS/CREDITS

- If points are required, the label will specify the number of mitigation points needed to use the product.
- The applicator must ensure that the mitigation practices for each field and crop meet the necessary point requirements.
- The applicator must visit the EPA's Mitigation Menu Website (<https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/mitigation-menu>) and access either the runoff points calculator or a mobile-friendly web application (EPA's PALM tool, <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/pesticide-app-label-mitigations>) to determine if the field meets the mitigation points required.
- The website will contain information on the points associated with various practices as well as relief points based on geography or field characteristics.
- If the field does not already meet the point requirements, the applicator must decide what other mitigations to use to achieve the necessary points.

CONFIRM SPRAY DRIFT BUFFER DISTANCE

- The label will specify the downwind buffer required for the use of the product.
- Buffer distances may be decreased by various practices such as nozzle selection, boom height, wind speed, etc.
- The label will list various options for potentially reducing the buffer distance.

KEEP A RECORD OF THE PROCESS

- Keep detailed records of pesticide applications, PULA bulletins, mitigation measures, and compliance steps.
- This documentation can help demonstrate adherence to ESA requirements and protect against potential regulatory challenges.