Welcome to the third video about WSU’s Policies related to pesticides in organic systems. I’m Megan Miller and during this video I’ll go into more detail on how the policy applies to organic systems and those who work with organic pesticides. If you haven’t done so already, I urge you to go through the first and second videos which provides some important basic background.

Washington State law says no EUP work on any size of test plot can take place without a permit. Even one square inch. If you’re testing a material that has either already gotten organic certification, or it’s a material that is exempt under the NOP rules, you still have to check whether it’s classified by law as a pesticide.

If it is, and it is considered an EUP, you also need a permit. The good news is that WSU holds a collective permit for every small area of work. Contact the Pesticide Coordinator, Dr. Catherine Daniels, to find out how to avail yourself of that permit.

There are state permits and federal permits. The federal ones take about 9 months to process so if you are considering that course you should start groundwork early.

Even though I say “plot” in this video, I’m not literally referring to a piece of farm ground. If you are testing EUPs in residential or aquatic areas, those areas also require permits.

It’s important to remember that Oregon and Idaho have different laws than Washington regarding licensing, restrictions and permits.

As WSU employees, you’re expected to abide by all applicable laws and permit requirements, even if your work is being done in other states. If you have questions on this, either contact the Pesticide Division in the relevant State Department of Agriculture or Dr. Catherine Daniels. They will be happy to assist you.

All states have units that deal with pesticide licensing, use and registration. Many states post instructions and background information on the internet. Tolerances and exemptions are listed in the online Code of Federal Regulations.

In addition to helping you with other questions, the Washington State Pest Management Resource Service has links to the Pesticide Policy, label and tolerance databases, commercial/ag resources and home & garden resources.

Thank you for taking time to learn about WSU pesticide policies related to organic systems. This concludes the final video about organic systems. Please continue on to training module
three which talks about EUP’s. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Dr. Catherine Daniels or WSPRS and we will be glad to help.

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