



**Integrated Pest Management**  
**A curriculum module for high school science classes**  
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## Who Makes Decisions about Pesticides?

Decisions about pesticides are made at the federal (national), state, and local levels in the United States. Here's a short summary of who's in charge of what:

### **US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):**

- Practices of federal employees, in federal buildings
- Federal rulemaking authority [For example: Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA)]
- Registration of all pesticides (active ingredients only, not products) for use in the US
- More information on line at: [www.epa.gov/pesticides](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides)

### **NC Department of Agriculture – Pesticide Section:**

- Practices of state employees, in state buildings
- Enforcement of state and federal laws [For example: pesticide drift buffer zones, licensing]
- More information on line at: [www.ncagr.com/fooddrug/pesticid/](http://www.ncagr.com/fooddrug/pesticid/)

### **NC Pesticide Board – appointed by governor and state agencies:**

- Statewide rulemaking authority
- More information on line at: [www.ncagr.com/fooddrug/pesticid/](http://www.ncagr.com/fooddrug/pesticid/)

### **County and City/Town governments, Boards of Education, other local governing bodies:**

- Practices of employees, and/or at buildings or grounds of that jurisdiction
- More information can be found on city or town websites, school system websites, or at your county Board of Elections, which sometimes also has information on line.