

# **Session 12.**

## **Special Topic: Pesticide Use in USAID Activities**

### *Technical presentation and dialogue*

#### **Summary**

This session summarizes the environmental and health concerns attendant to pesticide use, the key elements of safer pesticide use, and USAID's procedures for environmental review of support to pesticide use and procurement.

These procedures define "use and procurement" broadly and add specific, additional requirements to the general pre-implementation environmental review process established by Reg. 216. These requirements are typically satisfied through preparation of a Pesticide Evaluation Report and Safer Use Action Plan (PERSUAP), which is formally an amendment to the project's IEE. The requirements of the Safer Use Action Plan portion of the PERSUAP are thus IEE conditions, and their implementation is mandatory.

Although PERSUAPs are generally developed by specialists, workshop participants may be involved in the review and implementation of PERSUAPs or related Pest Management Plan.

USAID policy and procedures regarding pesticide use are described in 22 CFR 216.3(b).

#### **Objective**

Brief the environmental, economic, and human health concerns attendant to pesticide use. Achieve a common understanding of the special environmental compliance requirements that apply to pesticide use and procurement, and of the key elements of safer pesticide use.

Understand the practical elements of achieving pesticide safer use and the implementation of USAID activities that involve pesticides.