

Section II

Environmental Toxicology and Regulatory Issues

**WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSION ON PESTICIDE REGISTRATION  
AND  
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY:  
THEIR FUNDING LOOKS LIKE THE LAST WATER LEAVING A BATHTUB**

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The Washington State Commission on Pesticide Registration was formed in 1995 to help obtain and maintain pesticide registration for minor uses in Washington. It has a budget of \$500,000. In 1999, the mission of the WSCPR was expanded to cover all aspects of research, demonstration and implementation of integrated pest management. Its budget was \$1,000,000. The legislation placed the WSCPR budget within WSU's budget. Due to an agreement between the two institutions, whenever WSU receives a reduction from the state legislature, the WSCPR receives a concomitant reduction in funding.

In the past four years, WSU has received a 54% reduction in state funding. The WSCPR has received a similar level of reduction. The WSCPR funding is currently at \$495,000 per year. The Commission expects to receive a retroactive cut from WSU due to further legislatively mandated cuts within the current fiscal year.

WSU has been able to stave off some of the impacts of the reduction in state funding by increasing its ability to source federal funds. It is my opinion that these funds will be reduced in the near future, further reducing its ability to engage in research and extension activities.

The significance and ramifications of projected reduction in public sector of agriculture research will be discussed. It will not be a happy presentation.