1. The AES Unit conducts professional development activities for CEAs and specialists annually in early summer (June or July) each year. The activities consist of 2 Centra’s/TTVN broadcasts, one for “New CEAs” (less than 2 years experience) and “Experienced CEAs”. The broadcasts are recorded to facilitate training opportunities for CEAs whose schedules prohibit their participation in the live broadcasts. On July 22, 2014 seventeen “New CEAs” participated in the TTVN broadcast. On July 24, 2014 forty-nine “Experienced CEAs” participated in the TTVN broadcast. Also, each time Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service conducts a “Foundations Training Program” AES specialists provide an overview of PSEP procedures. Information on accessing educational materials, conducting applicator certification and recertification programs/activities, and facilitating applicator compliance is distributed to all CEAs and specialists engaged in PSEP activities.

2. AES specialists provide continuous support to CEAs and specialists statewide by participating in Agricultural and Structural applicator certification and recertification programs/activities upon request. Annually, AES specialists participate in more than 50 events to provide certification training and recertification program support in subject matter ranging in topic(s) from federal and state pesticide laws & regulations, structural & public health pest management strategies, and commodity production.

3. Working with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service administrators, the AES Unit provides cost share opportunities for CEAs and specialists engaged in Private Applicator Certification. CEAs and faculty receive manual discounts (Private Applicator manual) to supplement their Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) activities and programs.

4. The CEA Professional Development programs for 2015 will be conducted in mid-June or early July.
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Additional services provided by the Agricultural & Environmental Safety Project Group include:
- Certification and recertification training materials sales
- Pesticide safety programs for urban and agricultural audiences
- Pesticide use and pesticide label searches
- Minor use assessments
- Publishing certification training manuals
- Maintaining the web site <www-aes.tamu.edu>

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**Major activities:** Conduct and facilitate applicator structural and public health applicator certification and recertification statewide. Collaborate with Junior colleges, industry organizations, and governmental agencies to facilitate workforce certification in the pest management sector. Develops teaching materials, including applicator certification manuals. Annually serve as the professor of record for a course at Prairie View A&M University in general entomology.