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Dear IPM Coordinator and School District Staff:

This letter introduces you to the California School IPM model program guidebook. Please review this guidebook and use it as a reference tool as you implement integrated pest management (IPM) in your school district.

Who Developed This Guidebook?

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) developed this model program guidebook, as required by the Healthy Schools Act of 2000, for use by school districts that wish to adopt a least-hazardous IPM program. The authors drew their information from federal school IPM guidelines, other states' IPM programs, California state laws and regulations, the University of California Statewide IPM program, California school districts that have already implemented IPM programs, the pest control industry, and public interest groups.

What Is the Purpose of the Guidebook?

This guidebook is designed to help you use IPM in your school's pest management program. The guidebook serves as a guide and provides models for schools that choose to implement IPM. IPM is not required in California schools. We intend this guidebook to be useful as both a companion manual for the DPR California School IPM workshop and as a reference tool for your school district when implementing IPM. IPM coordinators can use this text to train school district personnel in IPM theory and practices. School staff can refer to it for day-to-day pest management questions.

Why Use the Guidebook?

Whether you are just starting to implement an IPM program or want to improve an existing program, this guidebook will serve as a useful resource to answer your IPM questions and to provide practical, hands-on steps that can be implemented as part of your IPM program. The first part of this book lays out the essential elements of a least-hazardous IPM program and the steps to adopting an IPM program. Specific strategies for pest management indoors and outdoors are covered in the accompanying attachment to the guidebook entitled "Part 2: Pest Management," arranged by individual pests.

We hope you find this guidebook to be useful and we encourage your input into the next edition. Please send your suggestions to school-ipm@cdpr.ca.gov.

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