

Submitting Inspection Forms to the Department of Pesticide Regulation

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Distribution County Agricultural Commissioners

Referrals If you have any questions, please contact your Senior Pesticide Use Specialist or Mr. Roy Rutz, Agricultural Program Supervisor III, at (916) 445-4279.

Introduction **This letter supercedes the instructions outlined in ENF 01-44.**

The Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR's) strategic plan aims to reduce human and environmental health risks by maximizing compliance through identifying and addressing problems. Specifically, the plan indicates that DPR will compile and analyze compliance information annually.

County agricultural commissioners (CACs) conduct inspection activities that are broader in scope and number relative to the compliance assessment surveys conducted by DPR in the past. These inspection activities, coupled with our overview inspections, provide a more accurate and representative picture of the agricultural industry's compliance with federal, state, and local pesticide regulatory requirements.

Background Under a pilot project initiated in October 2001, DPR began collecting CAC-generated compliance information from the Pesticide Use Monitoring and Field Worker Safety inspection forms. The pilot project was undertaken to provide DPR with a means to identify trends and issues relative to compliance with California's pesticide laws and regulations. DPR is now expanding the pilot project to include all county inspections, with the exception of the structural pest control inspections.

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Project Scope DPR will collect and analyze CAC-generated compliance information gathered through county inspections. DPR is requesting that CACs submit completed copies of the following forms:

- Pesticide Use Monitoring Inspections, PR-ENF-021
- Pest Control Records Inspections, PR-ENF-022
- Field Worker Safety Inspections, PR-ENF-044
- Fumigation Use Monitoring Inspections, PR-ENF-144

The forms should be submitted with the Monthly Pesticide Regulatory Activities Report, PR-ENF-099.

Implementation Date CACs should submit the required forms for inspections conducted beginning July 1, 2002. The completed inspection forms should be submitted beginning with their July 2002, Monthly Pesticide Regulatory Activities Report.

Exceptions to this Policy **Do not send** Structural Pest Control Inspections forms (PR-ENF-011) with your “Monthly Pesticide Regulatory Activities Report” **unless** they serve as an official violation notice or letter of warning.

Draft Revised Inspection Forms Pilot Project Those counties participating in the pilot project to test and evaluate newly revised inspection forms should submit their inspection forms and the revised Monthly Pesticide Regulatory Activities Report form as outlined in the pilot project instructions.
