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TO: County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF PESTICIDE USE REPORTS FOR FIELD FUMIGATIONS  
BEGINNING JANUARY 2009

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**Background**

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) adopted regulations to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from fumigant pesticides. These regulations, which went into effect in January 2008, changed pesticide use reporting requirements for fumigants applied in 19 counties in California's ozone nonattainment areas (NAAs). The changes are required to help DPR keep track of these smog-producing emissions.

An overview of all the requirements, fumigation methods, emission targets and allowances, as well as changes in pesticide use reporting are available on DPR's Web site at:

<[http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/emon/vocs/vocproj/reg\\_fumigant.htm](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/emon/vocs/vocproj/reg_fumigant.htm)>.

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**What is required**

The regulations require that the specific field fumigation method be reported when applications are made in the NAAs. Each approved field fumigation method has been assigned a code that must be reported to the County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC) and DPR.

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**2008 reporting process**

During 2008, the field fumigation method code was handwritten on the pesticide use report (PUR) form prior to submission to the CAC. In addition, a separate copy of the PUR was submitted to DPR.

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**2009 reporting process** The Notice of Intent and PUR forms have been modified to accept the reporting of the field fumigation method code and are available on DPR's Web site at: <<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pur/forms/purforms.htm>>. In addition, the state and county computer systems are currently being modified to accept the field fumigation method code electronically and will be operative starting in January 2009. As a result, the data standards to electronically submit PURs to the counties have also been modified. Growers, applicators, and others will have to conform to the new data standards to continue to electronically submit PURs to the counties.

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**What has changed for 2009** Beginning January 1, 2009, growers, applicators and service providers must submit PURs directly (and only) to the CAC using either:

- The revised PUR reporting forms
- The revised electronic data transfer specifications

It is no longer required that a separate copy of the PUR be sent to DPR.

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**Electronic data transfer specifications** Each CAC should contact Glenn, Kings, and/or Merced counties to obtain copies of the complete pesticide use report electronic data transfer specifications and validations. This information should be made available to any of your growers, applicators, or service providers upon request.

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**Information distributed** This information has been distributed to service providers in California (see attached, "Interested Parties" letter dated October 17, 2008, and distribution list). In addition, the "How to File Pesticide Use Reports" Fact Sheet (attached) was developed to provide information to our interested parties. In order to ensure a smooth transition and continued, timely submission of pesticide use information, please provide this information to your constituents who will need to know of these changes.

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**Reporting from outside the NAAs** Reporting the field fumigation method in areas outside of the five non-attainment areas is strictly voluntary. If a grower, applicator or service provider chooses to report the field fumigation method, they must adhere to the same reporting methods and codes as required in the NAAs.

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**Contact information** If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Basil Ibewiro of my staff at (916) 322-2152 or at <<mailto:bibewiro@cdpr.ca.gov>>.

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Sincerely,

*original signed by*

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Attachments:

[Letter to Interested Parties](#), (PDF, 42 kb)  
[Interested Parties Distribution List](#), (PDF, 18 kb)  
[“How to File Pesticide Use Reports” Fact Sheet](#), (PDF, 172 kb)

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