Department of Pesticide Regulation

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NOTICE OF ALACHLOR DEGRADATION PRODUCT RESIDUE DETECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA GROUND WATER AND REGISTRANT OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has detected residues of two degradation products of alachlor, ethanesulfonic acid and oxanilic acid, in California ground water. Based on the results of DPR's investigations conducted in San Joaquin, Solano, and Stanislaus Counties, the Director has determined that the alachlor degradation product residues detected in ground water resulted from legal agricultural pesticide use.

There are currently two pesticide products containing the active ingredient alachlor registered for sale and use in California. Both of these products are agricultural use preemergent herbicides for weed control:

Registrant	**Product Name** **EPA Reg. No.**
Monsanto Company	Intrro Preemergent Herbicide EPA No. 524-314-ZB
	Micro-Tech Herbicide EPA No. 524-344-ZB

Pursuant to section 13149(b) of the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), notice is hereby given of the Director's determination and that Monsanto Company, the sole registrant of alachlor agricultural use pesticide products in California, has 30 days from the date of this notice to request a hearing. If Monsanto Company does not request a hearing within 30 days, the registrations of its alachlor agricultural use products will be canceled pursuant to FAC section 13149(c).

If a hearing is requested, it will be held within 180 days after the initial request is received. The hearing is public and will be convened by a subcommittee of the Pesticide Registration and Evaluation Committee (PREC). The PREC Subcommittee consists of one member each from the State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and DPR.

As required by FAC section 13150, if Monsanto Company requests a hearing, it is required to submit a report and documented evidence to support the continued registration, sale, and use of alachlor. The report and documented evidence should be

submitted to DPR 30 days before the scheduled hearing date. The report and documented evidence should be submitted to DPR in portable document format (PDF) on a compact disc (CD) and in hard copy to facilitate review by the Subcommittee and allow posting to DPR's Web site. DPR will issue a notice specifying the date, time, and location of the PREC Subcommittee hearing.

Monsanto Company, or its designated agent, will be given time at the hearing to provide oral testimony and answer the Subcommittee's questions about its report and any other material it submits to DPR. The public will also be given time to provide oral testimony to the Subcommittee.

The written hearing request and requests for additional information should be directed to Ms. Ann Hanger, Registration Branch, DPR, 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015, Mail Stop 3D, Sacramento, California 95812-4015. Ms. Hanger can be reached at (916) 324-3535 or <ann.hanger@cdpr.ca.gov>.

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