

# Memorandum

To : Kean S. Goh, Agricultural Program Supervisor  
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From : **Department of Pesticide Regulation** Don J. Weaver, Senior Environmental Research Scientist  
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Subject: Notification Process for Well Monitoring Results of Pesticides in Ground Water

When results of well sampling conducted or analyzed by DPR for pesticide ingredients are **verified by a second laboratory or a second analytical method**, Environmental Monitoring utilizes the following process for notification:

A. **For verified results of pesticide active ingredients or their breakdown products not previously found in California around water that are determined to be due to non-point source legal agricultural use:**

1. Verbally brief Assistant Director, Division of Enforcement, Environmental Monitoring, and Data Management.
2. Notify in writing:
  - a. Well Owner
  - b. County Agricultural Commissioner (by facsimile or overnight mail)
  - c. County Health Officer
  - d. County Environmental Health Director (send sample of letter to well owner and list of names and addresses)
  - e. Department of Health Services

(1) Office of Drinking Water (General Information) Berkeley (415) 540-2154  
Sacramento (916) 323-6111

David Spath, Ph.D., Technical Branch Chief  
2151 Berkeley Way, Room 113  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
(415) 540-2172

(2) District Engineer (If large or small water system was sampled)

f. PREC Subcommittee Members

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(3) Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment  
Joy Wisniewski  
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P.O. Box 942732  
Sacramento, CA 94234-7320  
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- g. State Water Resources Control Board, MOU Coordinator
- h. Regional Water Quality Control Board
- i. Reporting Agency of original detection
- j. Registrant (If appropriate)

3. Prepare memo to Assistant Director, Division of Enforcement, Environmental Monitoring, and Data Management summarizing results (to be used for formal notifications as a written document).

a. Internal cc list:

- (1) Assistant Director, Registration and Health Evaluation
- (2) Assistant Director, Communications
- (3) Medical Toxicology, Branch Chief
- (4) Registration, Branch Chief
- (5) Use Enforcement, Branch Chief
- (6) PREC Subcommittee Chairperson

4. Schedule meeting with Agricultural Commissioner and County Environmental Health Director to discuss results and describe any subsequent actions.

a. Notify the following of the meeting:

- (1) Department of Health Services Office of Drinking Water, Technical Branch Chief
- (2) Department of Health Services, District Engineer
- (3) PREC Subcommittee Chairperson and Members
- (4) State Water Resources Control Board, MOU Coordinator
- (5) County Health Officer
- (6) Appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board
- (7) Reporting Agency of original detection
- (8) Registrant
- (9) Internally, cc same list as above

b. At the meeting, provide:

- (1) Summary of sampling completed and planned.
- (2) Summary of **verified** results.
- (3) Map showing sampling locations.
- (4) Other pertinent materials (e.g., branch study that provides relevant information).

- c. After meeting, mail handouts from meeting to:
  - (1) Interested parties who did not attend
  - (2) Internal cc list
  - (3) Chair of Natural Resources Protection Committee
  
- 5. Future updates can be provided either by:
  - a. Mail or meeting
  - b. Distribution list includes:
    - (1) County Agricultural Commissioner
    - (2) County Environmental Health Director
    - (3) Department of Health Services Office of Drinking Water, Technical Branch Chief
    - (4) Department of Health Services, District Engineer
    - (5) PREC Subcommittee Chairperson and Members
    - (6) State Water Resources Control Board, MOU Coordinator
    - (7) County Health Officer
    - (8) Regional Water Quality Control Board
    - (9) Internal cc list
    - (10) Reporting Agency of original detection
    - (11) Registrant
    - (12) Chair of Natural Resources Protection Committee
  
- 6. All written materials that are distributed require the approval of the Assistant Director, Division of Enforcement, Environmental Monitoring, and Data Management.
  
- 7. The entire notification process is coordinated with the Assistant Director, Communications, who handles press releases.
  
- 8. Results are not released until written verification has been obtained and chain of custodies are available.

B. **For verified results of pesticide active ingredients previously found in California around water due to legal agricultural use:**

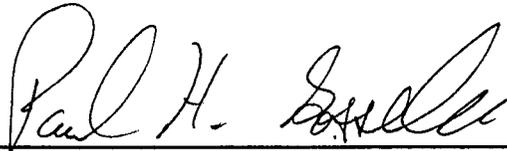
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  - c. County Health Officer
  - d. County Environmental Health Director (Send sample of letter to well owner and list of names and addresses)
  - e. Department of Health Services Office of Drinking Water (Large or small water systems)
    - (1) Technical Branch Chief
    - (2) District Engineer

**C. For negative results:**

1. Notify in writing:
  - a. Well Owner
  - b. County Agricultural Commissioner

cc: P. Stoddard, M. Pepple, M. Brattesani, P.Dunn, D Duncan, C. Miller Maes, D. Bartkowiak,  
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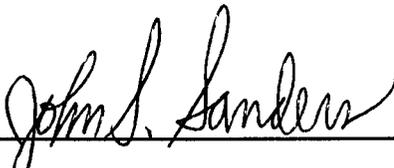
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John S. Sanders, Branch Chief,  
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