TO:          Pesticide Registrants and Applicants

SUBJECT:    E-mail Notification System for Tracking Adverse Effects Submissions

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is pleased to announce that beginning September 2011 it will implement an automatic e-mail notification system to track the receipt and review of adverse effects disclosure submissions. DPR will no longer mail hard copy letters for this purpose.

For some time now, DPR has used an automatic e-mail notification system for registration submissions. Adverse effects disclosure submissions will now be included in the e-mail notification system. DPR assigns each adverse effects submission an ID number for tracking purposes. With the e-mail notification service, the submitter will be automatically notified at each transaction step of the submission as it proceeds through the intake and review process. The e-mail notification will include the tracking ID number and a short description of each step in the process. In most cases, a Web site link to additional information about the transaction step (e.g., entering scientific evaluation) will also be included in the e-mail. If DPR reviews the submission and determines it does not require scientific evaluation, you will receive an e-mail indicating that your submission has been processed with no formal review.

To be included in this notification system, submitters must provide an e-mail address in their cover letter. Submitters that do not provide an e-mail address in their cover letter will not receive e-mail notifications or a hard copy letter confirming DPR’s receipt of the adverse effects submission. However, for all adverse effects submissions that go through the scientific evaluation process, DPR will continue to mail out hard copies of evaluation reports.

Adding adverse effects submissions to this automatic e-mail notification process will conserve DPR resources and streamline the adverse effects reporting process. Please note that e-mail, like most correspondence generated by DPR, is releasable under the California Public Records Act, California Government Code section 6252. For more information about how e-mail messaging works, see our Web site at http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/email/info.htm.
If you have any questions regarding this Notice or adverse effects submissions, please contact Ms. Ann Hanger, Staff Environmental Scientist, by e-mail at ahanger@cdpr.ca.gov or by telephone at 916-324-3535.

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