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TO: Pesticide Product Registrants

SUBJECT: NUMBER ASSIGNMENT FOR CALIFORNIA-ONLY PRODUCTS

Effective May 1, 2014, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) will assign registration numbers to California-only pesticide products upon submission as a part of the intake process. These procedures apply to products that require registration in California as a pesticide, but not with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (e.g., spray adjuvants).

Background: Currently, a company’s regulatory scientist informs the registrant of the product number DPR assigned to its new California-only product at the end of the registration process, after the product had been approved and the Certificate of Registration (license) issued. As a result, registrants must add the number to the product label and resubmit the label to DPR. This process results in additional work on the part of the registrant and DPR staff and leads to inefficiencies in data collection.

New Procedure: Under the new procedures, intake staff will assign a product number for each new California-only product submitted for registration. If necessary, intake staff will also assign a firm number for the product (i.e., no federally assigned firm number). Upon assignment of the new product number (and firm number, if necessary), applicants that have provided DPR with an e-mail address on the Application for Pesticide Registration form will be notified of the assigned number(s) by e-mail. If an e-mail address is not provided on the application form, the company’s regulatory scientist will inform the company of the assigned number.

Upon notification by DPR of the number, the applicant must submit six copies of its final printed or printer’s proof proposed label, bearing the assigned product number, to the assigned regulatory scientist prior to DPR making a preliminary or final registration decision.

Note: The assignment of a product number for your California-only product at intake does not mean that DPR has accepted the product for registration in California.
If you have any questions regarding this notice or California-only product submissions, please contact Mr. Richard Spas, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), by e-mail at <Richard.Spas@cdpr.ca.gov> or by telephone at 916-322-9522.

Sincerely,

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