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TO: Pesticide Product Registrants and Stakeholders

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO RESEARCH AUTHORIZATION REGULATIONS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

Effective January 1, 2016, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) will be implementing changes to Title 3, California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) sections 6260, 6262, 6264, and 6266 pertaining to research authorizations. Specifically, DPR is updating the forms used for the research authorization program and revising the notification requirements. These changes are intended to ensure DPR and the county agricultural commissioners (CACs) have the necessary information to evaluate pesticides applied under the research authorization program.

Updated Forms

On January 1, 2016, new versions of the following forms will be posted to DPR's Web site at <www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/ra/ramenu.htm>:

- Pesticide Research Authorization (DPR-REG-027a, Est. 4/15)
- Pesticide Research Authorization (Additional Pesticides) (DPR-REG-027b, Est. 4/15)
- Experimental Pesticide Use Report (DPR-REG-028a, Est. 4/15)
- Experimental Pesticide Use Report (Continued) (DPR-REG-028b, Est. 4/15)
- Experimental Trial Report (DPR-REG-029, Est. 4/15)

Effective January 1, 2016, please use these forms when applying for a new research authorization or submitting experimental trial reports and experimental pesticide use reports.

If an active ingredient is not contained in any pesticide products currently registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or in any spray adjuvants currently registered by DPR, the registrant has the option to provide the identity of the active ingredient in a separate statement from the application form. On January 1, 2016, a template for this statement will be available on DPR's Web site at <www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/ra/ramenu.htm>.



Revised Notification Requirements

Effective January 1, 2016, researchers must provide the CAC with a copy of the approved research authorization and a notice of the intended pesticide application at least 72 hours prior to applying a pesticide requiring a research authorization, unless the CAC determines a shorter time period is adequate to evaluate the intended pesticide application. The notice of intended application must also include the location of each trial on a plot map and a map or aerial photograph designating the location and identity of sensitive sites that could be adversely impacted by the pesticide application.

The notice of intended application provided to the CAC **must also be submitted to DPR** at the same time it is provided to the CAC. The notice may be submitted by e-mail to <RA_NOI@cdpr.ca.gov>.

More information regarding this regulatory action is available on DPR's Web site at <www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/rulepkgs/15-001/15-001.htm>. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Donald Antonowich at 916-445-3686, Dr. Shengjun Lu at 916-324-3530, or the Research Authorization e-mailbox at <RAs@cdpr.ca.gov>.

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