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PUBLIC REPORT RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF PESTICIDE PRODUCT REGISTRATIONS FOR 2003

Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) sections 12817 et seq., the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) proposes to renew registrations for the calendar year 2003 of those pesticide products registered in 2002 (California Notice 2002-10).

FAC section 12824 provides that "All pesticides for which renewal of registration is sought...shall be evaluated in accordance with this section" and provides that DPR "shall develop an orderly program for the continuous evaluation of all pesticides actually registered." To implement and interpret those provisions of FAC section 12824, DPR established the renewal and reevaluation process. Title 3, California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 6215 and 6220-6226, respectively. Section 6220 requires DPR to investigate all reports it has received of actual or potentially significant adverse effects to people or the environment resulting from the use of registered pesticides. If DPR has reason to believe that a registered pesticide may cause a significant adverse impact to people or the environment, the regulations require DPR to reevaluate the pesticide to determine if it should remain registered.

The registrations of pesticide products are subject to renewal upon the registrants submission of prescribed fees and a statement that adverse effects disclosures have been made in compliance with CCR section 6210, unless the registrations have been cancelled.

All pesticides registered for use in California are a matter of public record and presently comprise a list of approximately 11,000 products. A listing of California-registered pesticide products can be viewed or downloaded from DPR's database at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/labelque.htm>.

DPR did not initiate or conclude any reevaluations in 2002.

Applicants submit applications to register new pesticides throughout the year. DPR reviews these applications for completeness and legal requirements. DPR scientists review the complete applications and the accompanying required data. DPR scientists evaluate the data against established protocols. DPR notifies other State agencies when applications enter into the evaluation phase. These agencies include the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, State Water Resources Control Board, Air Resources Board, Departments of Industrial Relations and Fish and Game, University of California, and county agricultural commissioners. These agencies may review the information and data submitted, and raise concerns about the applications at any time, or at scheduled meetings of the Pesticide Registration and Evaluation Committee (PREC). PREC meetings are open to the public. Issues relating to pesticide use and effects are discussed at PREC meetings.

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In separate actions during 2002, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, published notices regarding voluntary or other cancellation actions on pesticides or their use. These actions were published in the Federal Register throughout the year and are available through the U.S. Government Printing Office, at public libraries, or through the following Internet address: <<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>>.

Any comments relating to the proposed decision to renew the registration of pesticide products for 2003 should be directed to:

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