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 2010 of those pesticide products registered in 2009 (California Notice 2009-07).

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 (3CCR) sections 6215 and 6220-6226, respectively. 3CCR section 6215 requires applicants for renewal to submit a statement indicating that the applicant for renewal has complied with the adverse effects disclosure provisions of 3CCR section 6210. 3CCR section 6220 requires DPR to investigate all reports indicating that the use of a registered pesticide may have caused or is likely to cause a significant adverse impact to people or the environment. If, after investigation, DPR determines that a significant adverse impact to people or the environment has occurred or is likely to occur, DPR must reevaluate the pesticide involved.

The registrations of pesticide products are subject to renewal upon the registrant’s submission of prescribed fees and a statement that the registrant has complied with the adverse effects disclosure provisions of 3CCR section 6210, except when the Director, after hearing, has canceled the registration of, or refused to register, a pesticide product.

All pesticide products registered for use in California are a matter of public record and presently comprise a list of approximately 13,197 products. A listing of California-registered pesticide products can be viewed or downloaded from DPR’s Web site located at http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/labelque.htm.

In 2009, DPR initiated the reevaluation process for certain pesticide products within the nitroguanidine insecticide class of neonicotinoids and containing the following active ingredients: imidacloprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, and thiamethoxam. No reevaluations were concluded in 2009. Information regarding ongoing reevaluations can be found on DPR’s Web site located at http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/reevals.htm.

Applicants submit applications to register new pesticide products throughout the year. DPR reviews these applications for completeness and legal requirements. DPR scientists evaluate the complete applications and accompanying required data. DPR notifies other public agencies, which have jurisdiction by law over the use of pesticides or over activities, or resources, which may be affected by the use of pesticides when applications enter into the evaluation phase of the
process. 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). The PREC, which is webcast and open to the public, will provide a forum for public agencies to communicate with, and provide feedback to, DPR regarding pesticide regulatory, policy, and implementation issues. The PREC may be consulted on environmental, technical, scientific, policy, regulatory, and economic matters. Information regarding the PREC and past meeting agenda and minutes are located on DPR’s Web site at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/prec/precmenu.htm>.

In separate actions during 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), 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 located at U.S. EPA’s Web site at <www.regulations.gov>. DPR monitors such federal cancellation actions. Once registrant sales of existing stock provisions allowed by U.S. EPA have expired, the product can no longer be registered for sale in California.

Any comments relating to DPR’s proposed decision to renew the registrations of pesticide products for 2010 must be submitted no later than November 19, 2009. Please mail comments to:

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