DO YOU FARM NEAR A SCHOOL OR DAYCARE CENTER?

DPR’s best practices for compliance with Pesticide Use Near Schools regulation if all or a portion of your fields fall within a school buffer zone

California’s Pesticide Use Near Schools regulations include application restrictions for pesticide use occurring within a quarter mile of public K-12 schools and many licensed child day care facilities.

The regulations also include specific reporting requirements. This data is reflected in the Department of Pesticide Regulation’s annual Pesticide Use Reports, which are an important tool for DPR to track compliance with the schools regulations, and also help ensure transparent communication to the public.

However, tracking both compliance and gathering accurate data on the use of pesticides near schoolsites can be challenging when fields fall only partially within the schoolsite buffer zone. Here are tips for pesticide use reporting for fields near schoolsites.

1. Ensure you are in compliance with Pesticide Use Near Schools regulations. For detailed information, see DPR’s website: https://bit.ly/3qNed7y

2. For fields that fall partially within a buffer zone, consider obtaining a separate Site ID for the portion of the field within the buffer to allow more pest control options for the portion of the field outside the buffer zone.

3. Submit accurate Pesticide Use Report information, especially application start and end times for sites within a schoolsite buffer zone.