



Department of Pesticide Regulation



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TO: County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT: REVISED PESTICIDE SAFETY INFORMATION SERIES

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has revised the Pesticide Safety Information Series (PSIS) leaflets in order to improve their accessibility to pesticide handlers and farm workers. The leaflets were redesigned using updated graphics, reorganized to enhance clarity, and reformatted for ease of readability when viewed on a tablet or smartphone. In addition, PSIS A-5 and N-5 were revised to reflect changes in regulations since the PSIS leaflets were last updated. These revisions added annual respirator training and fit testing, and doctor's permission to use a respirator.

Further, some leaflets were renumbered. PSIS A-6 and N-6 were removed in previous updates, as the information contained in those two leaflets is found elsewhere in the series. Therefore, the contents of A-10 and N-10 were moved in their entirety to A-6 and N-6, respectively. Additionally, the contents of A-11 were moved in their entirety to A-10. PSIS A-11 and N-10 were deleted since their contents moved.

Lastly, the Proposition 65 list of pesticides known by the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity was updated and is available on DPR's Proposition 65 Web page at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/factshts/prop65.htm>.

The PSIS leaflets, revised October 2015, are considered final and current. Please discard all copies of the previous PSIS leaflets. The revised PSIS leaflets are available in English, Spanish, and Punjabi at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/whs/psisenglish.htm>. The PSIS Web page is also available in English, Spanish, and Punjabi.



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Future updates to the PSIS will include DPR's new closed system regulations and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's revised Worker Protection Standards. Please direct any questions to Ms. Ann Schaffner of the Worker Health and Safety Branch at 916-445-0111, or <Ann.Schaffner@cdpr.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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