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To: Growers and Pest Control Businesses

Re: Submitting Pesticide Use Reports Electronically

In California, there is a legal requirement for pest control businesses and growers to report the use of pesticides to the Agricultural Commissioner of the county in which the pest control work was performed.

Traditionally, the pesticide use has been reported on a paper form provided by the Agricultural Commissioner to the pest control business or grower. However, there is another way for pest control businesses and growers to satisfy their legal requirement of reporting their pesticide use, and that is by reporting the pesticide use electronically.

Many counties in California will accept pesticide use reports to be submitted electronically to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. In Riverside County, the pest control business or grower can report their pesticide use electronically via the internet through the CalAgPermits System. There are several companies that have software available which can aid in submitting pesticide use reports electronically. Please see the attached list for contact information for these vendors. Another option available is a public web user account which can be set up with the Agricultural Commissioner so reports can be submitted directly to the county.

The Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's Office would like to receive pesticide use reports electronically and encourages growers and pest control businesses to consider this method of submitting their pesticide use reports. There are many advantages to the grower, pest control business, and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office when pesticide use reports are submitted electronically, including timely submission of pesticide use reports, greater accuracy of pesticide use data submitted, and a reduction in paper.

If you have any questions regarding submitting pesticide use reports electronically, please contact Robert Mulherin at (951) 955-3045.

Sincerely,

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