



Dear Director Henderson:

The Carriere Family has been farming our land going on 5 generations. We use the latest technology and pest management practices in order protect our crops, our community, our employees, our neighbors and the environment. We have confidence in the federal, state and local oversight of pesticide use enforcement. Considering these rules and regulations, We do not believe that the changes to the CDPR's Advance Pesticide Notification System are necessary in anticipation of pesticide applications.

Should the Department continue to move forward with this project, I ask the Department to consider the following items:

1. Notification should be limited to pesticide products that are already subject to Notices of Intent.
2. Timeframes to submit Notices of Intent to County Agricultural Commissioners should remain as it is in current practice.
3. Public notifications should only include what information is absolutely necessary: product applied, intended date and time of application, and general geographical location (base, meridian, township, range, and section).
4. Personally, identifying information, such as acreage treated or exact location, should not be included - this is critical to grower, applicator and employee safety.
5. Because of the high probability that advanced notice will trigger appeals of NOIs and stall applications, the Department should prepare for these administrative burdens, act quickly to protect the right to farm, and for increased liability for crop loss.

As this system is implemented, I encourage the Department to engage early and often with the agricultural community to be sure that negative consequences are managed.

Sincerely,

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