

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION

In the Matter of:

Proposed Modifications for)
Statewide Notification of)
Agricultural Use of)
Restricted Materials)
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PUBLIC HEARING

ONLINE VIA ZOOM ONLY

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Alex. I will now notify all attendees and our court reporter that we are officially beginning the public hearing and will now go on record. This hearing will officially come to order.

So good evening everyone. My name is Lucy Correa. I am a senior environmental scientist with the Department of Pesticide Regulation, also referred to as DPR. I will be the Hearing Officer for today's regulatory hearing, public Hearing.

As a Hearing Officer, I will be receiving all of your comments today. I do want to make note that DPR is not in a position to respond to individual comments at this time since we need to give all comments we receive equal consideration. DPR will respond to comments in writing as part of the official regulatory rulemaking that will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law. So for the record, today is July 15th, 2024, and it is 6:31 p.m. Pacific time.

This hearing is being held virtually with remote participation through Zoom. DPR is hosting this hearing regarding proposed revisions to the proposed regulations for a statewide system that will provide the public with

1 information about intended applications of restricted
2 material pesticides in California. This hearing is being
3 transcribed today by Elise Hicks from California Reporting.
4 The transcript of the hearing will be made part of the
5 rulemaking record and as we stated earlier, this hearing is
6 also being interpreted from English to Spanish and from
7 Spanish to English by Vinka Valdivia and Ruth Monroy of
8 TransLang. This hearing is also accessible via public
9 webcast for persons who would like to watch this hearing
10 without participating. The public webcast can be accessed
11 through California Environmental Protection Agency website
12 and is available now by visiting the link in the chat.

13 To start off, I want to emphasize that DPR
14 welcomes participation from all members of the public. So
15 if you know anyone who wasn't able to attend today, please
16 remind them that if they wish to make a comment, DPR is
17 accepting comments by email sent to DPR23003@cdpr.ca.gov,
18 through DPR's SmartComment, which is DPR's online comment
19 portal, or by mail that is postmarked no later than August
20 1st, 2024. Instructions for submitting written comments are
21 on this slide and can also be found in the Notice of
22 Modifications to Text which was published on DPR's website
23 on July 2nd, 2024.

24 So let's start off with some general housekeeping
25 announcements for this hearing. First of all, I would ask

1 that all of those attending this hearing please check and
2 mute your cell phones or your electronic devices. For those
3 attending this hearing who wish to make a public comment,
4 please raise your hand in the Zoom when we indicate it is
5 appropriate to do so. Attendees will automatically remain
6 on mute when we reach the public comment portion of this
7 hearing, commenters that wish to provide public comments
8 will be granted the ability to unmute themselves when
9 called upon DPR will be calling on those attending the
10 hearing in order that they raise their hands in the Zoom at
11 the appropriate time. If you're having technical
12 difficulties regarding this Zoom meeting, please enter your
13 issue in the chat function. Send an email to
14 DPR230003@cdpr.gov or you can call Lauren Otani at 916-445-
15 5781.

16 Okay, before we begin taking comments, I'm going
17 to provide a brief procedural background on the proposed
18 action. The Director of DPR has called this hearing to
19 receive public comments on proposed modifications to the
20 following rulemaking action. On November 3rd, 2023, DPR
21 issued a notice proposing to amend sections 6000, 6424,
22 6428, 6432 and 6434 of Title 3, California Code of
23 Regulations. A 70-day public comment period was held that
24 included three public hearings in 2023. The comment period
25 closed on January 12th, 2024. Based on the comments

1 received from the initial comment period, DPR is proposing
2 to modify the original proposed amendments to Section 6434
3 of Title 3, California Code of Regulations. DPR finds that
4 the modifications are sufficiently related to the original
5 proposed text. The proposed modifications will clarify that
6 for intended restricted material applications for the
7 production of an agricultural commodity, soil fumigant
8 applications are subject to the 48-hour notice of intent,
9 also called NOI, submission and DPR notification timing
10 requirement. All other restricted material pesticide
11 applications requiring a permit are subject to the 24-hour
12 Notice of Intent submission and DPR notification timing
13 requirement. The proposed modifications will also clarify
14 that the requirement for DPR to make select notice of
15 intent information publicly available will be effective 30-
16 days after the effective date of the regulation.

17 The proposed modifications will also clarify that
18 DPR will make the pesticide product name and active
19 ingredients for intended soil fumigant applications
20 publicly available. Lastly, DPR amended the process for
21 reviewing and evaluating the notification system. DPR will
22 now be required to annually issue a status update on the
23 system and process for making select notice of intent
24 information publicly available until DPR issues a draft
25 report on the system three years after the regulation

1 becomes effective. DPR will be required to present the
2 status update to and receive feedback from the Department
3 of Pesticides Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and
4 a State Board of Food and Agriculture and to receive public
5 comment on each annual status update for a minimum of 30-
6 days. Three years after the regulation becomes effective,
7 DPR will be required to issue a report that comprehensively
8 evaluates its system and process for making select notice
9 of intent information publicly available. Under the
10 modified regulation text, before issuing the final report,
11 DPR will be required to present the draft report to and
12 receive feedback from DPR's Environmental Justice Advisory
13 Committee and the State Board of Food and Agriculture and
14 to accept public comment on the draft report for a minimum
15 of 45-days.

16 Today's proceeding is an official government
17 proceeding intended to allow members of the public an
18 opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process by
19 providing comments and suggestions on how to improve the
20 proposed modifications. As previously mentioned, these
21 modifications were officially proposed on July 2nd, 2024.
22 On July 2nd, 2024, DPR opened the public comment on the
23 proposed modifications. The public comment is scheduled to
24 close on August 1st, 2024, and until that time, written
25 comments will be accepted. DPR will accept written comments

1 that are submitted via U.S. Mail and postmarked no later
2 than August 1st, 2024. DPR will also accept comments
3 transmitted via email to DPR23003@cdpr.ca.gov, via the
4 SmartComment online comment portal or by fax at 916-324-
5 1491 no later than August 1st, 2024. DPR's mailing address,
6 email and fax number as well as a link to the SmartComment
7 webpage are displayed on this slide. For the record, the
8 material that serves as background for this hearing is the
9 rulemaking file.

10 The rulemaking file consists of the Notice of the
11 Proposed Action, the proposed text, the initial statement
12 of reasons, the economic and fiscal impact statement and a
13 grouping of documents referred to as the documents relied
14 upon. The rulemaking file also contains the notice of
15 modifications and the text of modified regulations.
16 Transcripts from all public hearings on the regulation as
17 well as a document called the Final Statement of Reasons.
18 The Final Statement of Reasons will contain DPR's responses
19 in writing to all timely received comments during the
20 initial comment period on the proposed rulemaking action
21 and this second comment period on the proposed
22 modifications to the rulemaking action. As I mentioned
23 previously, DPR will not be answering questions or
24 responding to comments. DPR is not in a position to respond
25 to individual comments at this time as we need to give all

1 comments we receive equal consideration. DPR will respond
2 to comments after the close of the comment as part of the
3 final submission of the regulation to the Office of
4 Administrative Law. Comments from the Zoom chat will not be
5 accepted. Please make your comments orally or submit them
6 in writing. If you have any questions about these
7 regulations, please refer to the rulemaking documents
8 posted on the Department's website.

9 We're now going to move to the public comments.
10 I'm showing on the screen meeting agreements for this
11 public hearing. These agreements were developed by a
12 collaborative group of County Agricultural Commissioners,
13 community advocates and DPR staff to help us all hold
14 spaces in our time together that enhanced and improved
15 public participation and to set the stage for productive
16 meeting. This is considered a formal hearing; however you
17 will not be placed under oath. You will not be subject to
18 examination or cross-examination nor is this an appropriate
19 venue for DPR to answer questions or engage in dialogue in
20 response to your oral comment. As mentioned before, DPR
21 will respond to comments after the close of the comment
22 period as part of the final submission of the regulation to
23 the Office of Administrative Law. In order to allow
24 adequate opportunity for the public, each public commenter
25 will be allowed two minutes.

1 We ask that you respect this time limit and if
2 you do exceed the time limit, I will encourage you to wrap
3 it up. We will have a clock on the screen so that you know
4 how much time you have remaining. As a reminder, the formal
5 comment does not end until August 1st, 2024, and you can
6 also submit your written comments via email, the
7 SmartComment online portal, mail or fax. The format of
8 submitting a public comment orally or in writing does not
9 impact DPR's consideration or weight given to that comment.
10 DPR asks that you direct your comments specifically to the
11 content of the proposed modifications, focusing on what
12 changes you would make to improve them. In addition, if
13 there are any elements of the proposed modifications that
14 you're particularly supportive of, please let us know.
15 Finally, please demonstrate mutual respect for each other
16 and this process. You may not agree with the comments of
17 comments or point of views of a commenter, but I ask that
18 you refrain from making personal remarks about other
19 speakers or their comments. It is important that each
20 person be heard, and this hearing be conducted in a
21 courteous manner.

22 Persons who wish to make comments orally during
23 the hearing may raise their hand using the Zoom function
24 and make oral comments when called upon. Please keep your
25 hand raised on Zoom until you are called on. Generally

1 persons will be heard in the order in which their hands are
2 raised using the Zoom function. Another note, if you're
3 joining and there's a group of people with you, I will call
4 the name that appears on my list and if you can let us know
5 how many people are with you and each person will provide
6 their name and will have two minutes to speak. So just let
7 us know beforehand how many people are in that room.
8 Persons calling into the Zoom meeting who wish to make a
9 comment orally during the hearing may raise their hand by
10 dialing asterisk nine on their phone dial pad. This will
11 indicate to DPR representatives that the person on the
12 phone has raised their hand.

13 If you're calling into the Zoom meeting, please
14 press six to unmute yourself once I grant you the ability
15 to speak at this time. For those attending this meeting on
16 Zoom, please raise your hand to indicate you would like to
17 make a public comment. Please keep your hands raised until
18 you're called on and have been granted permission to unmute
19 and provide your public comment. When I call your name, you
20 will have the ability to unmute your microphone. If you've
21 called into this meeting, I will state the last four digits
22 of the phone number and allow you to unmute your
23 microphone. If you logged in with an iPhone it would be
24 beneficial if you could change and add your name. Otherwise
25 I'll just call on iPhone and whoever that person is will be

1 allowed to speak. So be sure to state and spell your name
2 for the record before beginning your public comment.

3 I do want to apologize in advance in case I
4 mispronounce your first name or your last name. I'll do my
5 best to get it right. I'll call upon each person in the
6 order of the hands raised and to keep things moving along.
7 When I call someone, I'll also announce the name of the
8 person who will be up next since I don't know who has
9 groups of people. I'll say the person's name and then I'll
10 say the next person after. So just let us know how many
11 people are in the room and everybody will get their two
12 minutes of comments. Alright, so we're going to look over
13 the list here.

14 The first one on my list is iPhone. I'm going to
15 allow iPhone to speak and then after iPhone, Catherine Dodd
16 will be next. So if you're iPhone and you have been allowed
17 to speak, please provide your comment. You will have to
18 unmute yourself, so I will allow you to talk and then you
19 have to unmute yourself.

20 Okay, I'm going to come back to iPhone and we'll
21 move on to Catherine. We'll see if we can resolve any
22 issues from iPhone, but for now we're going to move on to
23 Catherine Dodd. After Catherine will be Maria Navarro.

24 MS. DODD: Hi, this is Catherine Dodd. I'm a
25 registered nurse and a public health nurse and I'm calling

1 -- I want to thank you for holding this tonight. It's great
2 to have public information. I also live three miles away
3 from an agricultural area, so it involves me personally,
4 but I'm more concerned about the public. I've been involved
5 in this process for several years. I advocated for funding
6 for the pilots. I attended the workshops and commented on
7 the importance of exact location at those workshops, as did
8 many, many other people. Exact location is essential for
9 public health professionals because we need to know exactly
10 where it is. The closer the proximity, the more significant
11 the exposure and we also need to know the name of the
12 active ingredients in addition to which the one-mile radius
13 does not take into account exposures from pesticide drift,
14 which is very common, as you know. Public health
15 professionals and clinicians will instruct patients to
16 protect themselves and their families from exposure, but
17 they need the exact information, which I understand that
18 the Ag Commissioners have. Please make this program truly
19 useful after all this work and all this money and make it
20 something we can be proud of. Again, thank you for the
21 opportunity to speak. Make sure you include the exact
22 location and the product names and active ingredients, and
23 it should not be limited to a one mile radius. Thanks a
24 lot. Bye.

25 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Catherine.

1 Okay, up next is going to be Maria Navarro and
2 then after Maria will be Cynthia Pinto Cabrera. Go ahead
3 Maria.

4 MS. NAVARRO: Hello, my name is Maria Navarro. We
5 have five speakers, and I'll pass it off to the first and
6 spell your name.

7 MR. LOI: Good evening. My name is Loi, that's
8 spelled L-O-I. I live in Oxnard, and I'm a youth leader
9 with Cause. I believe the creation of a locationally
10 accurate pesticide notification system will be beneficial
11 to the State of California. Pesticides pose a concrete
12 threat to our health and the health of others. Studies done
13 by the NCBI have shown a positive link between cancer and
14 exposure of pesticides. That is why this system should
15 include where upcoming pesticide applications will be, as
16 well as ongoing pesticide applications that are happening
17 in real time. This notification system will increase needed
18 awareness in our communities and provide the necessary
19 information so that our people can avoid these pesticide
20 heavy areas. According to the EWG, the Environmental
21 Working Group, 32 million pounds of toxic pesticides have
22 been sprayed from 2015 to 2020. In Ventura County alone,
23 that's a lot of toxic pesticides. Are you aware of how many
24 pesticides you have been exposed to? Everyone here can help
25 spread awareness of pesticide exposure and help our

1 communities stay safer, healthier, and happier by
2 supporting the improved accuracy of this app. That's why
3 I'm here to ask you to please add the exact location to the
4 pesticide notification app. Thank you.

5 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Loi.

6 MS. LUCAS: Hi, my name is Jocelyn. That's J-O-C-
7 E-L-Y-N Lucas, L-U-C-A-S, and I'm a high school student
8 living in Oxnard and I'm a youth leader with Cause. I'm
9 excited to know that this is the first step to
10 environmental justice, but it is important that we get full
11 transparency on where pesticides are being sprayed here in
12 California. Many families in my community rely on working
13 in agriculture just like mine to provide for their kids.
14 They're often not aware of the health risk that it comes
15 with. These include respiratory problems like asthma,
16 touching may cause rashes and hives on the skin and
17 increase cancer risk because these toxic chemicals can be
18 absorbed by the skin while staying in their bodies forever.
19 Schools such as Oxnard High School, Oceanview Junior High
20 and Laguna Vista Elementary School are surrounded by
21 agricultural fields putting their students at high risk
22 from ages as low as six years old.

23 Young children are the most affected by these
24 chemicals since their systems are not yet fully developed.
25 By providing the exact location, we will know when to not

1 go outside, when to close our windows, when not to drive
2 through certain areas and which notifications to take
3 seriously. While oxide has many agriculture fields, our
4 residents will be overwhelmed with so many notifications,
5 being transparent will improve our community safety and
6 awareness. You guys were given \$10 million for this
7 notification system, so I urge you to do it correctly and
8 effectively. Not to mention other environmental alerts do
9 give us the exact spot of danger, so why can't this one?
10 This shouldn't be a problem since the county agricultural
11 commissioners already have this information available, that
12 is why I am here to ask you to, at the exact location,
13 pesticides are sprayed. We deserve to know where these
14 harmful chemicals are being used for the sake of our health
15 and safety. Thank you.

16 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Jocelyn.

17 MS. AIDA: Good evening. Good evening. My name is
18 Aida, that's spelled A-I-D-A and I live in Oxnard. I'm a
19 youth leader with Cause. I am highly interested in the idea
20 of a pesticide notification system where upcoming pesticide
21 application information is beneficial to all, such as
22 including the exact location of the application site, date
23 and time which the pesticides were applied. My parents are
24 agricultural workers. Recently I've asked them more about
25 their work and their conditions at work. I've asked my

1 parents' friends and my relatives who work in agriculture
2 work, and I've learned how they spray toxic chemicals. I
3 want people to be more aware where the pesticides are being
4 applied so people can avoid those certain areas. You have
5 the power to add the location to this notification app for
6 the health of my community and families like mine. Please
7 add the exact location. Thank you for your time.

8 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Aida.

9 MS. SANTOS: My name is Brenda. That is spelled
10 B-R-E-N-D-A. Santos, S-A-N-T-O-S. I'm from Oxnard. I'm a
11 youth leader with CAUSE. I would like to see a system in
12 place that informs the public about when and where
13 pesticides are being sprayed. Spraying pesticides without
14 informing workers is dangerous due to health risks such as
15 respiratory problems including coughing, wheezing, and
16 shortness of breath. Constant exposure can lead to more
17 severe conditions such as asthma or other lung diseases.
18 Not to mention pesticides can be absorbed through the skin
19 or inhaled leading to system toxicity. This can affect the
20 nervous system, liver, kidneys, and other organs. I care
21 about this because my parents work in agriculture, and I
22 see the effects pesticides have on them firsthand. I notice
23 it in areas such as their arms where rashes and bums start
24 to form. They say it's itchy and it has a burning feel. If
25 this is the effect it has on a grown adult, just imagine

1 the effect it will have on a small growing child. A
2 tracking app enhances safety by providing real-time
3 information, monitoring exposure, and ensuring compliance
4 with safety protocols and we'll also let the public know
5 what areas they should be wary of and take more precaution.
6 Thank you.

7 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Brenda.

8 MS. NAVARRO: My name is Maria Navarro. That's
9 spelled M-A-R-I-A, Navarro, N-A-V-A-R-R-O, and I am a
10 senior policy advocate at CAUSE and also a resident of Port
11 Hueneme in the county of Ventura, California. I want to
12 thank DPR for making this presentation. It was very
13 informative, and I just want to say it's important to
14 highlight that the proposed notification system, it's not
15 only a tool for knowledge, but it's also an accountability
16 tool which is valuable to file claims also make reports and
17 it should be available to all residents. Having the text
18 and email notification tied through a physical address or a
19 limited number of physical addresses may restrict certain
20 populations from accessing more robust data. What happens
21 to a farm worker who works in different locations for our
22 Ventura County? This is very common in the agricultural
23 field. If a farm worker wanted to know where and when
24 specifically pesticides were sprayed, it would shift the
25 burden of searching this information to the farm worker. So

1 in order to create a more transparent and accessible
2 system, I would suggest for DPR to consider an open-source
3 map with exact locations and time of pesticide application.
4 That way farm workers could just get a link and be able to
5 see in a map exactly where the spray happened.

6 I would also consider eliminating the barrier of
7 texts and email signups through an online portal by
8 allowing people to sign up through a text signup. So
9 texting may be pesticides to a certain number, right? This
10 is important because people need to know again the exact
11 application to report a wrongful pesticide application. If
12 it was notified maybe that it was going to be sprayed 24-
13 hours before, it's good to know who is doing it at what
14 time and which company is doing it.

15 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Maria.
16 It looks like we lost Cynthia, so I'm going to go back to
17 iPhone. If you have an iPhone and you raised your hand, can
18 you let us know in the chat? If you are having trouble
19 unmuting or finding the unmute button, I've allowed you to
20 speak and then Maria, I'm going to lower your hand here.
21 Okay, well iPhone is working through the unmute. We're
22 going to go with Clea Hendricks and then after Clea
23 Hendricks we have, I think this is a group of people in
24 Interpret, so I will allow Clea Hendricks.

25 MS. HENDRICKS: Hi, my name is Clea. C-L-E-A.

1 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay.

2 MS. HENDRICKS: Yeah, Hendricks, H-E-N-D-R-I-C-K-
3 S.

4 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Alright.

5 MS. HENDRICKS: I'm a law clerk at Earth Justice
6 and we stand in solidarity with Californians for Pesticide
7 Reform and California farm worker communities to support a
8 strong statewide pesticide notification system. The latest
9 draft regulation has serious shortcomings. While we
10 appreciate the inclusion of the number of acres treated as
11 well as product names and ingredients of pesticides, the
12 latest version still does not require the precise location.
13 It's inadequate to only notify the public of a planned
14 pesticide application within one square mile of an address,
15 especially since the exact location is known by the County
16 Agricultural Commissioners in advance and can easily be
17 made public. Residents must have access to the precise
18 location of applications so they can take precautions to
19 protect their health. The closer one is to an application,
20 the higher the risk of harm and residents should be able to
21 know whether a pesticide will be applied immediately next
22 to their homes or schools or a mile away.

23 Farm worker communities have long suffered
24 dangerous and disproportionate exposure to pesticides. For
25 example, in Monterey County, agencies have allowed farms to

1 apply 9 million pounds of pesticides in a single year,
2 including close to 3 million pounds of the highly toxic and
3 restricted fumigants chloropicrin and 1,3-Dichloropropene.
4 These fumigants cause serious harm including respiratory
5 distress, cancer, fetal death, and developmental delays.
6 Even so in Monterey County, unhealthy levels of fumigants
7 have been repeatedly reported within one mile of Pajaro
8 Valley schools. Children at Ohlone Elementary, Pajaro
9 Middle and Hall District Elementary suffer some of the
10 highest rates of fumigations in the state. These children
11 breathe cancer causing pesticides in the air that are
12 sometimes more than twice. The safe level communities
13 deserve the chance to avoid these harms through proper
14 notification. Thank you.

15 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Clea.

16 Okay, now we're going to go to the group of
17 Interprete and please let us know how many people you have
18 in the room.

19 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

20 MS. LOPEZ: Good afternoon. My name is Teresa
21 Lopez. I'm a community organizer here in Ventura County. We
22 have 15 people here that want to speak.

23 Going back to the notification, it's very
24 important for the notification system to provide the exact
25 location. I'm the mother of three children that I'm

1 concerned about. One of them is going to a high school
2 that's surrounded by fields and it's important for them to
3 know the exact location so that they can adopt the
4 precautions and measures that are necessary for when
5 they're outside, for example, and they have to go inside
6 Here in Ventura County, they are fumigating the soil.
7 They're spraying the entire year, and this affects our
8 community and we ask, we demand that you provide the exact
9 location. I'm going to give the microphone over. Thank you.

10 MS. ALVAREZ: Okay. Hi, my name is Sasha Alvarez,
11 S-A-S-H-A, Alvarez. A-L --- Okay. I first wanted to start
12 off by introducing myself and give you a little context as
13 to why it is that I am here today. I'm an incoming fourth
14 year at the University of California, Santa Barbara and
15 throughout my time at this institution I've been studying
16 political science in Chicano studies. I'm a born and raised
17 Oxnard resident on the south side less than a mile and a
18 half away from the nearest field and I'm here to use my
19 voice and my privilege to speak on the issue that directly
20 affects me, my community, and potentially even those on
21 this board. As a dedicated honors student at UCSB, I've
22 been fortunate enough to be chosen as a student fellow with
23 the UC Labor Center and got placed with the lovely United
24 Farm Workers Union for the summer.

25 Throughout the time that I have been working with

1 the UFW, I have focused my research energies towards the
2 effects of pesticides on my community. What I have found is
3 absolutely devastating. Although this regulation proposed
4 by the DPR is a crucial step towards safeguarding the
5 health and wellbeing of our communities, especially those
6 of us living and working near these fields where restricted
7 material pesticides are used. It is not enough. You guys
8 have given us the crumbs left on your table and it is not
9 that we are here to ask for the whole cake. We're humbly
10 asking for a slice. We're asking for what is fair, what we
11 have earned through our blood, sweat and tears. This
12 regulation must go a step further to truly be effective
13 while providing advanced information on planned pesticides
14 application is valuable, it is not enough without including
15 the exact location of where these pesticides will be
16 applied.

17 The DPR has noted that these pesticides used in
18 agriculture are deemed restricted materials and are a
19 highly regulated category. Yet this is the first drastic
20 step you have actually taken to attempt to keep these on
21 the frontline safe. We will not let you get away with the
22 little that you are trying to do. We want more. We deserve
23 more because we feed you some of the health outcomes
24 associated with these pesticide exposures for farm workers
25 are non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease, cancer,

1 skin, eye, lung irritation for their children, brain
2 cancer, leukemia, asthma, respiratory disease and for
3 unborn babies, birth defects, autism, delayed development,
4 and even restricted growth. A quick mention on one of your
5 community guidelines is to seek to understand. Fortunately
6 you guys cannot and will not ever be able to imagine what
7 it is like to be in an agricultural worker's shoes, but
8 maybe just maybe you can attempt to understand the
9 seriousness of this issue if people have the right to grow
10 in our backyards and we have the right to know where and
11 exactly these pesticides are being sprayed.

12 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Sasha. We
13 need to move on to the next person. Is there another
14 member?

15 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

16 MS. GOMEZ: Good afternoon. My name is Idena
17 Gomez. There are many concerns that I have as to the
18 notification system, and I want you before you implement
19 it, I want you to take into consideration that it's
20 important that this system includes an exact location. As
21 to the application of pesticides and that you not fail such
22 as the pilot project at Nylon Acres. That was a failure
23 because it didn't have the exact location. All Californians
24 have the right to know of when pesticides are going to be
25 applied. That includes exact location. Thank you. Thank

1 you, Idena.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Someone's coming up
3 to the speaker.

4 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

5 MR. CHAVEZ: Hello, my name is Conrado Chavez. I
6 am a field worker here in Ventura County. I've been a field
7 worker for over 20 years, and I want to demand from DPR
8 that you please provide the exact location and let us know
9 what kind of chemicals are going to be sprayed because on a
10 daily basis here in Ventura County, we are sprayed. They
11 spray children. They spray the schools and that's not fair
12 for our young people to be exposed to that. Please, I want
13 you to pay more attention on how the growers and the large
14 companies that pay for a lot of things that they not
15 continue to do this. It's very sad what we live three
16 months ago I went through a very sad situation at Rio Mesa
17 High School. I was walking on my way to work, and they were
18 spraying around the school and it was 3:30 in the
19 afternoon. This is when children are released from school
20 and it smelled horribly. I don't know what kind of
21 pesticides they had been spraying and all of the children
22 were just walking by all of that on their way. It's not
23 fair. It's not fair for the children or for the community
24 to be exposed to this. I want to ask you to please provide
25 the exact location, let us know what chemicals are being

1 sprayed and I hope that they don't do that again. Thank
2 you. Thank you, Conrado.

3 MR. CHAVEZ: Good evening. My name is Osmond
4 Chavez, and I live in -- and I live in Oxford. I call on
5 you to create a fully transparent pesticide notification
6 system where often and coming pesticides application
7 information is available to all include the exact location
8 of the application site. I want to know where the
9 pesticides are being applied so I can avoid the area. Thank
10 you.

11 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Alvin (SIC).

12 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

13 MR. CARLOS: Can I say it first in Mixteco and
14 then in Spanish?

15 INTERPRETER MONROY: We won't have the
16 translation into Spanish yet because he's speaking in
17 Mixteco.

18 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

19 MR. CARLOS: Good afternoon. My name is Juan
20 Carlos Diaz. I work as a community advocate here in the
21 community organization, Proyecto Comunitario Indigena
22 Mixteca, and I'm here representing the indigenous community
23 here and other field workers that were not able to be here
24 at the meeting today. I want to thank you for the updated
25 information on the notification system and other

1 information that we have on pesticides now. But I want to
2 remind everyone that last year in December, we requested
3 and this time we want to demand that you provide us with
4 the exact location as to where these chemicals are going to
5 be sprayed, which are damaging to the health of our
6 community, our families. I also want to add that these
7 systems need to be accessible for people who speak
8 different languages, Spanish, Mixteco, Zapoteco, Purepecha,
9 among other languages and as was observed a while ago that
10 they're working on a website and I would like to ask that
11 you have text to voice, I think it's called TTS or TTV,
12 Text To Voice so that our community which is impacted be
13 able to access this information. Many people are
14 illiterate, and they don't know how to read. They don't
15 know how to write in Spanish, and they don't read or write
16 in their own native dialect, so please take our comments
17 into consideration on behalf of the indigenous community
18 and field workers. Thank you. Thank you, Carlos.

19 MR. SALDANO: Hi, I'm Jay Saldano from Austin,
20 California. Thank you for starting the pesticide warning
21 systems. My family lives close to fields and knowing
22 exactly what pesticides are used is very important for our
23 safety. Please make sure we get an exact location. I
24 understand that County Agricultural Commissioners already
25 have this information, but why shouldn't communities get

1 this? It helps us decide when to keep kids indoors, when to
2 go out nearby parks and which route to take to work or
3 school. That's why we asked to take this into
4 consideration. Thank you.

5 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Jay.

6 MR. OMAR GARCIA: Hello, I am Omar Garcia from
7 Oxnard, California. The pesticide notification system is a
8 historic first step toward environmental justice. The
9 notification is the exact location of the application site
10 field so that we can avoid the area and take better
11 informed safety precautions. Thank you.

12 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you.

13 MR. CHAVEZ: Good evening. My name is Marco
14 Chavez. I live in Austin, California. I ask you to
15 strengthen draft the draft regulation for a statewide
16 pesticide notification system to include the exact location
17 of planned pesticide applications. I know they are
18 pesticides applied near me every day. I want to know the
19 closest application so I can take extra precautions on
20 those days. Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Marcos.

22 ESMERELDA: Good evening. My name is Esmerelda,
23 and I live in Oxnard. I urge you to add the exact location
24 of the pesticide notification system. I want to avoid doing
25 your pesticide application sites. The system won't let me

1 know how to do that, telling me exactly where the
2 application is happening. Thank you.

3 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Esmerelda.

4 MS. MOLINA: Hello, good evening. My name is
5 Miriam Molina. I'm the Ventura County Community Organizer
6 for Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund. We're
7 here on behalf of Raíz, which is a program that works with
8 the Latina community on fights for reproductive health, sex
9 education and access to healthcare. We strive to be active
10 in our community to support and advocate for folks by
11 pushing for public policies that truly represent the Latina
12 community. We're proudly supporting CAPS 805 and
13 Californians for Pesticide Reform. They've shared insight
14 into the experiences of farm workers in Ventura County and
15 the effects that they have on reproductive health, pregnant
16 women, agricultural workers and children. We're dedicated
17 to actively participating in our community and advocating
18 for our patients and community members alike. While a
19 notification system is a great step in the right direction,
20 the proposal only mandates identifying a one-mile square
21 area where the pesticide would be applied. This
22 notification approach keeps crucial details like the exact
23 location to avoid potential hazards undisclosed, but with
24 our community deserves to know the exact location of where
25 harmful pesticides are being applied. Most importantly, our

1 community's agricultural workers deserve to know what
2 chemicals are being directly exposed to them. That
3 information should be easily and complete accessible
4 through the proposed notification system. That exact
5 location is critical as an element and that is very
6 important. We urge you to incorporate the exact location of
7 the upcoming pesticide applications. Thank you for your
8 time.

9 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you and just a
10 quick reminder, if you guys can please spell -- state and
11 spell your name for the benefit of the transcriber. That
12 would be appreciated.

13 MS. ALVAREZ: Good evening. My name's Jenny
14 Alvarez, J-E-N-N-Y Alvarez, A-L-V-A-R-E-Z. Good evening, my
15 name -- my name's Jenny Alvarez. I'm a fellow working with
16 United Farm Workers and graduate from the University of
17 California, Santa Barbara where I studied sociology. During
18 my time there I focused on understanding the social and
19 environmental inequalities based by farm workers and people
20 of color like myself. Did you know that Black and Latino
21 individuals and families breathe 63 percent more pollution
22 than they produce while white people breathe 17 percent
23 less? I have lived in South Oxnard for 15 years.
24 Fortunately, I was privileged to attend school 21 miles
25 south in Malibu, away from the pesticide hotbox in Oxnard.

1 This is the first time in 15 years that I have spent more
2 than my nights in Oxnard. For years I was oblivious to the
3 pesticide problem because I thought that it didn't have an
4 immediate effect on my family, but I couldn't have been
5 more wrong.

6 It is a privilege to stand before you today as a
7 student working with the United Farm Workers urging you to
8 approve the historic move to establish a transparent
9 pesticide notification system. It's disappointing and
10 disgusting that you sit here tonight knowing the true
11 effects of pesticides, defending the growers who prioritize
12 profit over the lives of farm workers. I believe it's
13 urgent that the new system include the exact location of
14 pesticide application as fields surrounding our communities
15 can lead to acute and chronic illnesses such as autism,
16 brain cancer, Leukemia, and respiratory diseases just to
17 name a few. Pesticide reform needs to go beyond a
18 notification system. It's urgent that you consider moving
19 forward with the system because it affects both farm
20 workers in the field and the surrounding communities. It
21 may not seem urgent to you if you live comfortably far away
22 from the farms, but I do. They are in my backyard. I live a
23 mile away from the fields and can be affected by pesticide
24 drift. Just the other day on my way home from work, I
25 witnessed workers injecting the soil with 1,3-D, a

1 restricted pesticide that requires permits to use and it is
2 a can --

3 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: I'm sorry to interrupt
4 you Jenny, but your time is up. Can we move on to the next?

5 MS. ALVAREZ: It's a cancer-causing pesticide and
6 you're not doing enough. We see.

7 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Jenny. Thank
8 you.

9 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

10 MS. DISTOCENTINO: Good afternoon. My name is Ana
11 Rosa, A-N-A R-O-S-A Distocentino. D-I-S-T-O-C-E-N-T-I-N-O.

12 I am an organizer with the Farm Workers Union.
13 I'm here because our community and our families are being
14 treated or have been treated as disposable for way too
15 long. In our community, we have a great deal of dignity and
16 we're the reason that you all have something to eat.
17 Without us, you won't be able to have breakfast, lunch or
18 dinner, so please treat us with respect. Treat us with
19 dignity. What we are asking for is the minimum. We just
20 need to know exactly where exactly pesticides are being
21 sprayed. It's the minimum you could grant. How many babies
22 have been lost to pesticides? How many women have suffered
23 from defects caused to their reproductive system by
24 pesticides? Enough is enough. You need to treat our
25 communities with the dignity that we have and that we

1 deserve to receive from you. Please, we demand this. As I
2 said before, it's the minimum you can grant us. We need
3 justice for our families now. Yes, we can.

4 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

5 MS. HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. My name is Noemi
6 Hernandez. I am a field worker. I've worked in the fields
7 for over 20 years. I would like to ask you to please
8 include the exact location so that we can stop being
9 damaged in that way. We work on a daily basis. We never
10 know what kind of pesticides have been sprayed a day before
11 you go to work the next day because we need to work, but we
12 need for you to also listen to us for you to provide us
13 with the exact location of the pesticides applied. Thank
14 you. Thank you, Noemi.

15 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

16 MS. RAGENE LOPEZ: Hello, my name is Ragene
17 Lopez, and I would like to include the exact location.
18 Thank you.

19 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

20 MS. ALVARADO: My name is Yuridiana Alvarado. I'm
21 a community organizer with Lideres Campesinas. We'd like to
22 ask that you please provide us with all of the information
23 in the notification system. We need for you to include the
24 exact location so that we can protect ourselves and protect
25 our children, protect our families, protect our field

1 working community. Sometimes some people think that it's
2 not good to know the location, but it is absolutely
3 necessary for us. They don't just spray with planes, they
4 spray planes, tractors in many, many ways and the wind
5 carries the pesticides. It doesn't matter if you're right
6 on the edge, so I think that it's a good request on our
7 part. There are other notification systems that we do
8 receive that provide an exact location and I think that
9 that is the correct thing to do if you're going to notify
10 it has to be what is adequate, which includes exactly where
11 this is being sprayed. Thank you.

12 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

13 MS. MENDOZA: Good afternoon. My name is Eulalia
14 Mendoza. I'm an organizer with Proyecto Mixteco. Forgive me
15 for not spelling, but the time I get is very limited, so
16 I'm going to go directly to my comment. Just like my
17 colleague stated last year we went to request for exact
18 location and as he said, we're not asking anymore. We're
19 demanding that you include exact location because it is our
20 community that suffers the most. We are the most impacted
21 because we're there at the fields when in the early morning
22 hours. We're there in the late evening. We're there, so we
23 need at our demanding exact location, that's all we're
24 asking for. We're not asking for housing; we're not asking
25 for good transportation. We need the exact location so that

1 we can see how we protect ourselves. We've seen our
2 families, our colleagues, our coworkers suffer from this
3 cancer, people that have lost an arm, a leg that have had
4 breast cancer, children that are suffering from illnesses.

5 Everything is going worse and worse. Climate
6 change, and if we don't have the exact location, our
7 family, our children, our brothers and sisters that are out
8 in the field cannot protect themselves and we can't either
9 because we're surrounded by these fields. Oxnard is the
10 county that produces the most. If you come visit the fields
11 here in Oxnard, the strawberry fields, they're all covered
12 with plastic. They're applying 1,3-D, so thank you for
13 updating the system. Thank you for improving it, but we do
14 need, as my coworker said, Juan Carlos, we need for these
15 notifications to also include Zapoteco, Purepecha, Otomi,
16 and other indigenous languages because most of the
17 community that's out there working our indigenous people
18 that come from Southern Mexico, Oaxaca, Guerrero. They
19 don't know how to read or write. They barely can say their
20 name in Spanish. They speak their native language, so it's
21 important that these notifications that you provide when
22 you improve the system, please include indigenous
23 languages. Thank you.

24 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

25 MS. ANA MENDONZA: Good afternoon. My name is Ana

1 Mendoza. I live in Oxnard, California. I am the wife of a
2 field worker and I'm very much concerned, very often
3 concerned about my family's health. More than anything
4 else, we demand, please exact location. Enough. There are
5 so many health problems, especially cancer, cancer in our
6 children, in adults. It's something of tremendous concern.
7 Many times we see that we're working at a certain block of
8 berries or strawberry and right next to us, the field
9 that's next to us is being sprayed. We don't know what
10 they're spraying. We don't, and if there's a wind, the
11 drift brings all of that over to where we are. We can smell
12 it, we don't know what it is, so we are demanding that you
13 provide us with exact location. Please. I am very concerned
14 about my children's health, my husband who works right in
15 the fields. This is of tremendous concern to me every day.
16 Please, we need the exact location. We need to know where
17 they're spraying. Thank you.

18 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

19 MR. JUAREZ: Good afternoon. My name is Juan
20 Manuel Juarez. I don't know how to read or write, but I'm
21 going to say a few words about what I've lived here in
22 California. We need to have the location of where they're
23 spraying. The other day I was in Ventura, I was about 20
24 steps away from where children were also present, and they
25 were spraying. If you could come to Oxnard right now, you'd

1 see that all of the fields are covered with the plastic
2 because they're being sprayed and the other day I was about
3 50 steps away from where the plane was spraying from up
4 above. They don't even notice what's below when they're
5 spraying, so we need to know what the exact location is and
6 also what chemicals are spraying. Thank you.

7 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

8 MS. SERRANO: Good afternoon. My name is Lucila
9 Serrano. I am a field worker. Well, I was a field worker
10 for many years, ever since 1998 when I got here from the
11 state of Oaxaca. No one told us about these types of
12 chemicals, so we do need to know the exact location for the
13 benefit of our children's health. So many people with
14 autism, people with cancer, most of us don't know how to
15 use technology to get into the system and look these things
16 up. Please, if you can provide the exact location so that
17 we can have received that information and try to protect
18 ourselves. There's so many things that we can't avoid
19 anyway, but if we could at least know where they're
20 applying these pesticides and that way more of the people
21 that we know that we'll be able to tell them don't go by
22 that area for the good of the health of our children who
23 are the future of the world. I think it's time for us to do
24 something about this. We can do it together. I don't speak
25 English. I speak Mixteco and I want to tell you that a lot

1 of people can't have access to the information. Maybe it is
2 on a website, but we can't find it. We can't look for it
3 because of the language problem. Thank you. Please, exact
4 location and the languages. Thank you.

5 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

6 MS. PEREZ: Good evening. My name is Emilia Perez
7 and I am here so that this pesticide notification system,
8 in order for it to be of good use, it needs to include
9 information as to the exact location where pesticides are
10 going to be applied. Generally, the closer you are to
11 fumigation and other chemical substances, you are at
12 greater risk. Thank you so much and good evening. Good
13 night. Thank you. I think that's all of us.

14 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you very much.
15 Okay, we're going to move on now to the next set of
16 commenters. We have Kathleen, Woody, Kathleen and Woody,
17 and then after them is going to be Sierra (cross-talk).

18 Go ahead Kathleen.

19 INTERPRETER MONROY: Kathleen --

20 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: You should be able to
21 unmute now.

22 MS. KILPATRICK: Okay. Kathleen Kilpatrick. K-A-
23 T-H-L-E-E-N K-I-L-P-A-T-R-I-C-K. Okay, ready?

24 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

25 MS. KILPATRICK: Are you hearing me? Okay,

1 Kathleen Kilpatrick. We were in one of the early pilots and
2 we experienced the one-mile notification limit, and I can
3 tell you it was pretty close to useless, and people were
4 not pleased with it at all. So I submitted extensive
5 comments at that time about why the way the pilot was run
6 was not useful and I'm not going to reiterate a whole lot
7 of that. I just want to remind you, and you have been
8 reminded that all the information that we're asking for is
9 included in the permit, including a map that could be used
10 to identify sensitive areas and yet it has been removed
11 from the notification. Workers and residents of
12 agricultural communities like mine deserve to know where
13 pesticides are being applied. They need to know the crop,
14 they need to know the address, and they need contact
15 information.

16 That's any information that would be of use for
17 response to drift or to prevent exposure has been pretty
18 much removed from the notification. The list of chemicals
19 is way too short. It doesn't include a lot of highly
20 hazardous chemicals widely used in California. The
21 turnaround time between request and issue of permit is so
22 short that evaluation and considerable alternatives has no
23 time to be done. That's one of several loopholes and I
24 think there were enough loopholes in there to drive a
25 tractor or boom sprayer through. I'll be generous and give

1 you credit for your good intentions, and I do appreciate
2 that you added the active ingredient and not just the brand
3 name of the product, but as currently offered, the system
4 is really functionally useless. It's good that we have a
5 review opportunity because we need a lot of improvement in
6 the way the system is being delivered. Thank you.

7 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Kathleen.

8 Is Woody going to provide comment?

9 WOODY: No.

10 MS. KILPATRICK: No. Okay. Thank you.

11 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay. Lemme try this
12 again. John Bottorff. Sorry, John. I'm going to allow you
13 to speak and then after John, we will be Cesar.

14 MR. BOTTORFF: Absolutely. Thank you so much. My
15 name is John Bottorff, J-O-H-N B-O-T-T-O-R-F-F, John
16 Bottorff with Clean Earth for kids.org. And like everyone
17 else making comments, we absolutely demand that the exact
18 location of the pesticide used to be included in the
19 notification system. All that information that we're
20 talking about is included in the permit request, which is
21 accessible to the public. Public have the right to that
22 through a public record request, so nothing that's being
23 asked for is protected information. It's not private
24 information. It is already publicly accessible. That
25 information must be included in this notification system.

1 It absolutely must be included. There is absolutely no
2 legitimate reason to keep it from the notification system.
3 So again, please, please include the exact location in the
4 notification, the exact location in the notification
5 system. Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, John. Okay,
7 up next is going to be Cesar, and then after Cesar will be
8 Alexia Duncan.

9 Cesar, I've allowed you to unmute.

10 MR. CESAR: Thank you. Thank you for holding this
11 meeting and allowing us to share our thoughts. I'd like to
12 thank you for making the pesticide reality part of your
13 priorities and a reality. This was something that should
14 have had a pilot and started in Kern County, and I'm sure
15 DPR is aware of how dismissive the Kern County Ag
16 Commissioner is to the worries of community members. And
17 unless every pesticide affects everyone up to one mile
18 equally regardless of where it's sprayed, I think
19 modifications should be made to this plan because we know
20 that's not the reality and exact location can help us
21 reflect that reality and defend ourselves the dismissive AG
22 Commissioner that we have here whenever we do need some
23 more action on pesticides to be had, and I think this is a
24 very important part of the pesticide notification. That
25 it's not restrictive in any way and only helps inform and

1 educate people as to what they need to do. I think health
2 risks and health symptoms is something that should be
3 shared as well so that people know what to identify and
4 especially if they've been exposed. So the pesticide
5 notification is definitely a step forward, but it does not
6 go far enough. People need to know what they're being
7 exposed to, especially if it's being applied right next to
8 their house, and I think that would make this much more
9 helpful, much more educational and it would respect
10 community's time much more. Thank you very much.

11 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay. Thank you Cesar.

12 And just a quick reminder, when I call your name,
13 please be sure to state and spell your name for the benefit
14 of the transcriber.

15 So up next is going to be Alexia Rangel, and then
16 after Alexia will be Mark Weller. So go ahead, Alexia.

17 MS. RANGEL: Hello, I am Alexia Ranel, A-L-E-X-I-
18 A R-A-N-G-E-L. I am a co-founder of Future Leaders of
19 Change from Greenfield, California. You have made a
20 historic first step toward pesticide application
21 transparency, so please don't waste it. We need the exact
22 location of pesticide applications in California. Without
23 that addition to the current proposal. I fear the system
24 will not be useful for residents like me in farm worker
25 communities. We need exact location, and we want it now. We

1 are tired of waiting. We refuse to wait any longer. We are
2 here to fight for our basic rights. Thank you.

3 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Alexia.

4 Okay, up next is Mark Weller, and then after
5 Mark, will be Yanely Martinez. So go ahead, Mark.

6 MR. WELLER: Thank you. I agree with the previous
7 32 speakers who spoke in favor of providing the exact
8 location. DPR must provide the exact application location
9 in its proposed regulation for the pesticide notification
10 system. Your argument for continuing to hide exact
11 pesticide application location appears to be that such
12 information is not standardized, so standardize it. You
13 inform us that DPR is planning "a regulation that will
14 require electronic submission of all NOI information for
15 use in the state's notification system." If DPR will
16 require standardized electronic submission, it should also
17 standardize exact application location as part of that new
18 requirement. If DPR continues to refuse to require NOIs
19 with exact application location, at the very least, the
20 non-standardized location must be included in the
21 notification system as it includes finer information about
22 where the application is planned, including as you put it,
23 "the site ID number, the address of the site, or some other
24 location description."

25 We are sure you are aware that farm worker

1 communities, including those involved in the pilot
2 notification programs, have called for exact location
3 information so that they can better protect their families
4 from highly hazardous pesticide drift. The threat of harm
5 tends to be even more severe if the application is in the
6 field behind your home or across the street from your
7 child's school. Then if it's a mile away or at the distant
8 corner of the public land survey section. Scientific
9 research confirms that within a mile the threat of exposure
10 to many pesticides tends to increase the closer one lives
11 to pesticide application sites. Our recent meta review in
12 Environment International that assessed six studies noted,
13 "all six studies found that the greater the distance from
14 the pesticide application, the lower the levels in
15 pesticide concentrations in dust outdoor and indoor air."
16 Exact pesticide application location is essential
17 information in allowing for individuals and communities to
18 respond appropriately to protect their health from drifting
19 pesticides. DPR has access to that information and must
20 provide it in the pesticide notification system. Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Mark.

22 Okay, up next is going to be Yanely Martinez and
23 after Yanely will be Misael Martinez. Okay, Yanely go
24 ahead.

25 MS. MARTINEZ: Hello. Good evening, everyone. So

1 we're here in Salinas with the party of about eight that
2 will speak after me. So again for the record, Y-A-N-E-L-Y
3 Martinez and I am the community organizer with Safe Ag Safe
4 Schools right here in the Monterey Santa Cruz region and
5 also organizing future leaders of change, and I'm a mother
6 of four and also a Greenfield City councilwoman. So why is
7 exact location important to us? So I basically really want
8 to celebrate the fact that this is actually happening and I
9 can't stress this enough that this is the movement of the
10 people, the people that show up, travel to far distances to
11 be able to at least share their concern and how they want
12 to protect the community. It is very unfortunate that we,
13 as a community, have to take care of our own because DPR is
14 not doing that for us or the Ag Commissioners.

15 So it's on us. And so why exact location is
16 important? Because I am a mom that works full time. I do
17 have children in different schools. I do have one of my
18 parents that lives across town, so I need to know that
19 exact location of the pesticide application to be able to
20 tell them to shut the windows, to be able to bring the
21 clothes indoors, to not go out for the usual walks and
22 other things that we could do to take care of ourselves. So
23 that's why exact location is important to us. But more than
24 anything, it's a historic first step into ending pesticide
25 secrecy because that's the reality that our communities,

1 our communities of color are constantly being hit with. We
2 do not know when pesticides are being applied unless we are
3 a victim of drift. So for us it's really important that we
4 include exact location. We started with eight demands last
5 year. We went to Ventura to demand two more. We're happy
6 that we have that community review committee now. We just
7 need exact location. Again, it's very unfortunate that we
8 the community have to protect our own, but we're stepping
9 up and we're here meeting with you all to let you know that
10 we need, we need, we need, need exact location. And so with
11 that, I thank you for my time and now I pass it over to the
12 next.

13 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you. Yanely.

14 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

15 MR. MORAN: Hi, good afternoon. My name is Juan
16 Manuel Moran, and I know that a lot of people have been
17 repeating the same thing and is asking for the same thing.
18 That is very important, which is to give us the exact
19 location and where, when, especially in these areas in the
20 field in Salinas, Gonzalez, several schools are practically
21 in the middle of the fields or very close to them. In
22 Linfield there's a high school and right next to it are the
23 fields. So it is very important because in these schools
24 there's a lot of playgrounds and on Saturdays and Sundays
25 there are a lot of people from the public that practice

1 sports there. And so that's why it's important that even if
2 it's Saturday or Sunday, they be given exact locations so
3 that these people who will go to exercise or practice
4 sports at these schools have the opportunity to know about
5 it and not go so that they can avoid getting contaminated
6 by those pesticides and it's high time. As I've said
7 before, we're not asking anymore. We're demanding. I'm a
8 representative of the Union of Farm Workers and I've been
9 in this area for 50 years and I've been fighting for 40
10 years against pesticides. So it's high time, that something
11 be done. We've gone to Sacramento. We've gone everywhere to
12 ask for the same thing over and over and many of our co-
13 workers have been here for five or six years, but I've been
14 here for 35 fighting against pesticides, so it's high time.
15 Something be done. Thank you.

16 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Juan Manuel.

17 MS. RAMIREZ: Hello, good afternoon. My name is
18 Maria Ramirez from Monterey County with SASS and I am a
19 mother of four. You have made a nice story for a first step
20 towards pesticides application transparency. Please don't
21 ruin it. We need the exact location of pesticides
22 application without that addition, I fear the system will
23 not be useful for residents like me in farm worker
24 communities. Also families like mine that have already been
25 affected by pesticides. We need the exact location to

1 protect us, so they don't ruin our lives in our earth way.

2 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

3 We have managed to take the first step tip for
4 our transparency. Please don't ruin it, please. Families
5 such as mine that have been affected by pesticides need
6 this exact location so that we can protect ourselves so
7 that you don't ruin our lives even more. Thank you. Thank
8 you, Maria.

9 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

10 MS. CHICO: Hi. I am Noemi Chico. N-O-E-M-I C-H-
11 I-C-O. I live in California.

12 And I am a member of Safe Ag Safe Schools. I'm a
13 parent and an educator. The pesticide notification system
14 CDPR is proposing is not good enough. For four years,
15 community members have been asking for a system that
16 includes exact field location information. I'm appalled
17 that after so many years of gathering public comments with
18 nearly all of them calling for this information, CDPR is
19 still not including exact field information, even though Ag
20 county commissioners have it, and even though we can't get
21 this information after the fact via Public Records Act
22 requests, I'm flabbergasted that DPR is even thinking of
23 holding back exact location information. What kind of
24 warning systems skips out on giving precise details? Every
25 other environmental alert for fires, for smoke, et cetera,

1 pins down the exact danger spot. You don't know what it's
2 like to live near fields where you know very hazardous
3 pesticides are being applied nearby but you don't know what
4 or when they're being applied.

5 The system DPR is proposing could be so positive
6 for community health, but as we saw with the pilot
7 projects, getting countless messages covering a whole
8 square mile area can be overwhelming and disempowering to
9 communities. We need exact locations to be able to take
10 appropriate actions to stay safe. Parents, educators,
11 children need the right to know. I want to be protected
12 while working at all my school sites. I want my students
13 and my own children to be protected, and I want my family
14 members, my agricultural workers to be protected. Exact
15 location now. An example is right now my daughter Alexia
16 Rangel in Greenfield and I'm here in Salinas. I got off
17 from work from one of my school sites. Please, we need
18 exact location. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Noemi.

20 MR. SANDOVAL: Hello, my name is Jacob Sandoval,
21 spelled J-A-C-O-B S-A-N-D-O-V as in Victor, -A-L. I'm the
22 state director for California LULAC. I am part of the
23 oldest and largest civil rights organization in the nation.
24 Today I'm here commenting regarding pesticide notification
25 system. It's great to see the steps DPR has made over the

1 years, but there's still a critical component missing. It
2 is important for the pesticide notification to tell us
3 exactly where pesticides are being applied. The closer an
4 application is, the more precautions the public can take.
5 There is a public benefit over private business. There is a
6 big difference between applications that is 500 feet away
7 versus 5,000 feet away. The technology is there and DPR
8 responsibility as a government agency to provide this
9 critical information so the public can avoid these
10 locations. Thank you for the time.

11 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Jacob.

12 MS. CARRILLO: Hi, everyone. My name is Rosa
13 Carillo. R-O-S-A C-A-R-R-I-L-L-O. I live in Salinas, and I
14 live in a small community called San Jerardo Cooperative.
15 In our community is really important to have this kind of
16 information. What is the exact location of when a pesticide
17 is being applied and also to know what kind of pesticide is
18 being applied in our community. Already 8 members of our
19 community, they pass away because of cancer and right now,
20 to my knowledge, four other members that are battling
21 cancer. So for us it is really in our house, this problem
22 with the pesticide. For us, it's not just numbers for us,
23 it's our family. They have name, they have last name, they
24 have their families. So we need to know what is being
25 applied into our fields because we're surrounded by fields.

1 So for us, like 12 people already with cancer that we know
2 and also a lot of people that are battling asthma and other
3 types of a lot stuff that are going on.

4 So right now I'm talking about my community, and
5 it is not just my community but my whole community is
6 Salinas. My whole community is California. So we need to
7 know what is being applied. So don't take just this for
8 nothing, just take our lives in consideration that we're
9 losing our family, our loved one. So please give us exact
10 location of what is being applied. We need to know. We have
11 the right to know what has been applied in our land because
12 everything is being contaminated. So our lives or family is
13 being contaminated, so please give us the exact location on
14 what is being applied. Thank you.

15 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Rosa.

16 MS. CAMERON: Hello, Karen Cameron, K-A-R-E-N
17 Cameron, C-A-M-E-R-O-N. Salinas, California Safe Ag Safe
18 Schools. I'd like to speak with you in regards to several
19 concerns. I come from Salinas, the salad bowl of the world.
20 Where they claim to be rich in land, rich in values. I
21 wonder whose land and whose values. I've been involved with
22 Safe Ag Safe schools when hospitalized 10 days for an
23 allergy to formaldehyde, which if you Google it comes up
24 first as pesticide. I'm a retired teacher. I had too many
25 students that I saw in Salinas with asthma, allergies,

1 learning disabilities, autism, cancer, as the list goes on.
2 I'm wearing a shirt today that says, "Stop pesticide
3 secrecy." I wish I could retire that shirt and
4 unfortunately it's yet relevant. I was disappointed that in
5 2016 you removed the air monitoring system from Salinas.
6 Now we have the closest one in Ohlone near Watsonville,
7 which has shown alarming levels of pesticide.

8 For approximately five years, we screamed at you,
9 "please give us data as to how much pesticides are being
10 used in the state." It wasn't until 2021 that you revealed
11 that 216 million pounds had been used in 2020, which was a
12 peak year. And then the headline read that the pesticide
13 use went down. How convenient decades of CHAMACOS research
14 ignored. UCLA. UC Davis. I have personally seen through
15 Salinas Vision 2040 environmental justice meetings, the
16 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Pesticide
17 Pollution burden map, which shows Salinas approximately 80
18 to 90 percent in deep purple, which is 90 to 100 percent
19 pesticide accumulation in California. Over 130 pesticides
20 are allowed that are banned in Europe. All of this is
21 unacceptable. You're developing the world's first
22 notification system. We need exact location and there's no
23 excuse. I can label it nothing except secrecy. So please
24 learn to be transparent in your ways because this is
25 unacceptable. We need exact location not within one mile.

1 Thank you.

2 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Karen.

3 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

4 MR. TORRES: Hi, my name is Luis Torres. L-U-I-S
5 T-O-R-R-E-S and my comment is --

6 (OFF MIC COLLOQUOY)

7 And my comment that I have is basically I'm a
8 father of four children and basically my son was affected
9 by pesticides. In school, there's a field to one side and
10 there was no notification and that's why the exact
11 notification of where the pesticides are going to be
12 applied is important so it doesn't affect more kids or
13 teachers and exposure. They're all getting sick with
14 cancer, asthma, autism. And I wonder when you're going to
15 stop being secret about the pesticides. I have seen on my
16 own, especially on the freeway, when you see the spray and
17 I feel the residues and they end up in the freeway, we
18 breathe that. Can you imagine the kids at school? So what
19 is this going to stop? That's my comment. And now thank you
20 for Woody and Catherine. Thank you, Luis.

21 MS. MARTINEZ: I think that's it for us here.

22 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Yanelly.

23 Alright, up next is Misael (PHONETIC) Martinez
24 and then after Misel will be Maria. Okay, go ahead. Okay,
25 we might need to, okay, we might need to come back to you.

1 Do you want to try again? Okay, we'll come back to you
2 Misel. We'll go ahead with Maria Perea. Give me one second.
3 It looks like you are using an older version of Zoom and
4 it's not allowing me to let you talk. Maria, hold on once,
5 hold on for I'll come back to you. We'll figure out how to
6 let you unmute. We're going to move on to Piper while we
7 figure out some of the technical stuff with Maria. After
8 Piper will be Taryn Obaid. So Piper, go ahead and unmute
9 when you're ready.

10 MS. PRIMROSE: Okay. Hello, I'm Piper Primrose
11 with Facts, Families Advocating for Chemical and Toxic
12 Safety in Sonoma County and I just really appreciate this
13 time that you've allotted for this. And every single
14 comment has been amazing, and I just want to echo the need
15 to have exact field location. We need to know exactly where
16 these pesticides are being applied. Thank you very much.

17 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Piper. Okay,
18 we're going to go on to Taryn Obaid and then after Taryn
19 will be Angel Garcia. Taryn. Sorry, go ahead and hi.

20 MS. OBAID: Thank you. I'm Taryn Obaid, I'm with
21 Protect Wild Petaluma, up here in Sonoma County. First of
22 all, I want to thank you for your great work throughout
23 this process. I've used you as a model for my civic
24 engagement here in Petaluma. Your tone, your engagement
25 tactics, your annual review program for public comment.

1 Thank you very much.

2 Please add the following data to the system:
3 product name, manufacturer, active and inactive
4 ingredients. Because we want to know the combined effects,
5 potentially. Volume being applied and method being applied.
6 Please include the wind data that's available through the
7 weather system or apps such as Windy, so that -- also add
8 in time, start and stop for the application and alert based
9 on exact location. I ask you this because one mile makes
10 all the difference here in Petaluma. It's not just the
11 wind, it's how the wind moves around our topography.

12 So for example, right across the street from me,
13 when they're laying down plastic, I run around like a
14 maniac and shut the windows because I don't have air
15 conditioner. But, if it were to be half mile away down wind
16 of me, I wouldn't have to worry the wind is that strong and
17 unidirectional over time. It just comes straight off of the
18 ocean. Okay, and then heat is an issue. We don't want to
19 have to close our windows all the time when it's hot
20 outside and runoff issues and for nearby organic farms. And
21 please consider total pesticide load for everyone to know
22 about because cumulative hits to the liver is really not
23 good for any human being. Thank you very much.

24 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Taryn.
25 Alright, all right. Up next we have Angel Garcia and then

1 after Angel will be Vincent Zaragosa. Angel, go ahead and
2 unmute when you're ready.

3 MR. ANGEL GARCIA: Hi, can you hear me?

4 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

5 MR. ANGEL GARCIA: Okay. Yes, so appreciate the
6 opportunity to comment. I'm Angel Garcia, co-director with
7 California Sur Pesa Reform. Briefly, the purpose of the
8 statewide pesticide application notification system is
9 pretty straightforward. It's to give the public access to
10 information about higher risk pesticide applications before
11 they happen. And a key part of this transparency is
12 providing details about the location of the upcoming
13 applications. The data is clear. Exact location details are
14 critical for protecting people, especially children, farm
15 working children, familias, from pesticide exposure risks.
16 Studies have consistently shown that those living closest
17 to pesticide applications face the highest exposure levels.
18 For instance, UC Berkeley CHAMACOS study found that
19 toddlers living within just 200 feet of organophosphate
20 insecticide applications where the most highly exposed
21 participants in the entire study. This underscores the
22 importance of having precise location information to
23 safeguard communities from the dangers of pesticides. Vague
24 or incomplete data simply isn't enough when people's health
25 and safety are at stake.

1 Without the specific location information, the
2 notification system fails to achieve its goal of
3 transparency. The public deserves to know exactly where
4 these higher risk pesticides will be applied so that they
5 can take appropriate precautions. I urge you to include
6 precise location details as part of the notification system
7 that is scheduled to be implemented in the near future.
8 Anything less compromises the integrity and effectiveness
9 of the system. Lastly, the public has a right to know what
10 chemicals are being used, when and in what quantities. And
11 I also -- I'll be blunt real quick pesticide applicators do
12 not have a right to privacy when it comes to spraying toxic
13 pesticides harm. You cannot poison people in secret yet
14 that is exactly what has been happening for far too long.
15 So we hope that this changes with this system. Thank you.

16 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Angel.

17 Alright, just a quick note for Maria Perea. We
18 won't be able to unmute you until you update your Zoom. An
19 alternative is you can write your comment in the chat, and
20 I can read it out loud.

21 So we're going to move on to Vincent Zaragoza
22 after Vincent is Enrico Ferro. So Vincent, whenever you're
23 ready you can unmute.

24 MR. ZARAGOZA: This is Vince Zaragoza and thank
25 you, Lucy. I posted my question on your email, and I did

1 that about an hour ago, but the question was or the
2 recommendation was to include the quantity of active
3 ingredients to be applied at the pesticide spray. In many
4 cases, the pesticide use report does, after the fact,
5 include the pounds of pesticide that were applied, which I
6 believe they do break it down by active ingredients and
7 inactive ingredients. And if that is the case, that means
8 that information is available and it's public information
9 if it's on the CDPH pesticide use report system. Therefore,
10 it would be useful if it was part of the early notification
11 system because the quantity along with other variables such
12 as the atmospheric wind situation will determine perhaps
13 the amount of spray drift that may be inadvertently
14 drifting to socially vulnerable communities or what I call
15 sensitive receptor sites. And obviously the higher the
16 quantity, the greater degree of potentially either acute or
17 chronic exposure. And that was my suggestion. Thank you.

18 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you,
19 Vincent.

20 Okay, up next is Enrico Ferro and after Enrico,
21 Anthony Noriega. Okay, Enrico, whenever you're ready.

22 MR. FERRO: Hi. Hi, my name name's Enrico Ferro,
23 E-N-R-I-C-O F-E-R-R-O. I have been working in agriculture
24 for many years, been a pest control advisor for 27 years.
25 I've been in the field since I'm nine years old. I've been

1 working in agriculture inspecting traps and inspecting
2 fields for 35 years. Working with my dad before I became a
3 pest control advisor. I live on an avocado grove. I was
4 organic for 10 years, just to throw that in there. But I am
5 a conventional grower. I have worked on thousands and
6 thousands of acres in San Diego County, Riverside County,
7 Ventura County, so I don't have experience throughout the
8 state.

9 I'm here because it seems like a lot of people
10 are not that connected to agriculture and the truth of the
11 matter is, is I work with hundreds of people, and I don't
12 know anyone that's ever gotten sick from pesticide
13 exposure. I've been exposed to pesticides, I apply
14 pesticides, I work in the field seven days a week for all
15 those years. I know that the state is different. There's
16 different things in different parts of the state. I don't
17 agree with buying land next to agriculture because it's
18 cheaper to put a school and then put agriculture in a
19 position where supposedly they're the bad guys. When they
20 were there before I worked with a guy named Dwight Holcomb
21 who passed away at the age of 91. He applied pesticides for
22 50 years, so did all of his employees for 35, 40 years.
23 Nobody ever got sick or went to the hospital. I think that
24 what you guys are doing is you're going to be weaponizing
25 special interest groups. I think that this is unnecessary,

1 but if you want to put this information out there, you're
2 just creating a regulatory help for the agriculture
3 commissioners, come join me out in the field. You'll see
4 nobody's getting sick. I don't understand how that's the
5 perception and I think the public needs to be educated, not
6 putting money into these regulations. There's just more
7 education that is required to let people know that it's not
8 as unsafe as they think it is.

9 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay. Thank you, Enrico.
10 Just a quick note, we do have a long list still of
11 commenters. We might go over the 8:30 time slot. We'll
12 probably aim for 8:45, just to let you guys know.

13 Up next is Anthony Noriega and then after Anthony
14 will be Jesus Alonso. So go ahead Anthony, when you're
15 ready.

16 MR. NORIEGA: Can you hear me?

17 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

18 MR. NORIEGA: My name is Anthony Noriega, N-O-R-
19 I-E-G-A. I am the district director for the League of
20 United Latin Americans Citizens in the Inland Empire. We
21 are deeply concerned about the ongoing harmful pesticides
22 use and the severe impact on a farm worker in minority
23 communities living near the fields and spraying the fields
24 without prior notification. The fact that we continue to
25 face this hazard practice in 2024 speaks volumes about the

1 disregard for the safety and wellbeing of our farm workers
2 who sustain our nation with their labor. It is urgent call
3 to action to prioritize the protection of those who
4 literally put food on our table. You have a responsibility
5 to ensure our Latino community and farm workers are
6 protected from the dangerous pesticides and chemicals.
7 Without critical information, we are left guessing where
8 the danger lies, putting our communities unacceptable and
9 parent situation. The current system still keeps the public
10 in the dark about specific pesticides used, putting our
11 children and elderly at risk. I urge DPR to include the
12 exact address and pesticide application sites for the
13 notification system. The users and promoters of pesticides
14 have been in control for too long. It is time you act to
15 protect our farm workers and our Latino communities and all
16 Californians. Thank you very much.

17 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Anthony.
18 Alright, up next Jesus Alonso and then after Jesus will be
19 Suzanne Peché. Jesus, go ahead and unmute when you're
20 ready.

21 MR. ALONSO: Good afternoon. Can you hear me?

22 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

23 MR. ALONSO: Thank you. Good afternoon everyone.
24 My name is Jesus Alonso. I'm a lifelong resident of Lamont.
25 I live here with my family, which includes my two elderly

1 parents and my two young sons, which everyone here is
2 familiar are some of the most susceptible to airborne
3 contaminants like pesticides. A transparent acronym
4 detailed notification system is vital to protecting my
5 family from the harmful effects of pesticide. Here in
6 Lamont, we're surrounded in all sides by fields and
7 specifically we need a notification system that is accurate
8 and tells us the ingredients and the impacts of those
9 ingredients of the pesticides being used. And it is very
10 unclear why this current proposed notification system is
11 planned to be so vague. If the data necessary to protect
12 our families already exist, why would that not be shared
13 with us? I feel that this proposed notification system
14 water is down the seriousness and the effectiveness of the
15 notification and the intent of the notification of the
16 notification system. So please, I urge you to support a
17 more accurate and more effective notification system. Thank
18 you.

19 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Jesus.

20 Up next is Suzanne Pecci and then after Suzanne
21 will be Oscar Ramos. Suzanne, when you're ready.

22 MS. PECCI: For the record, my name is Suzanne
23 Peci, S-U-Z-A-N-N-E P-E-C-C-I. I am a domestic well owner
24 in Elk Grove. For the last 40 years, I live on a private
25 well, on a five-acre parcel where about 12 years ago a

1 vineyard moved in 300 acres, 20 feet from my fence. We are
2 downwind of this vineyard. They are 200 feet from my
3 domestic well. I tried to contact the county and the state
4 and the Ag Commissioner to intervene to get more space from
5 this vineyard, which was to no avail. I have horses and
6 dogs so it's necessary that I am out in my yard every day
7 to tend to them. My skin burned, it cracked, it bled, it
8 swell. And I filed numerous complaints with the Ag
9 commissioner. Two fines, two nominal fines were levied
10 against the grower until I had a medical patch test that
11 revealed that I was in fact sensitive to products in the
12 pesticides applied by the grower and a screen was put in
13 addition to my own and a verbal promise they wouldn't spray
14 near my home.

15 In the past three years I was diagnosed with
16 melanoma cancer. I've had amputations. I continue to have
17 excisions of cancerous growth from my skin. Four hunting
18 dogs that were born on my property at that time have died
19 of lymphoma. At minimum, you need to identify the contact,
20 location, pesticide provide the label. So if somebody has
21 to go to emergency, they have the information. Legislation
22 should be developed to provide a minimum distance that is
23 protective of human health for vineyards and farming as
24 well as vegetative growth to protect the public. This is a
25 minimal effort by the Agriculture Commission. Once again,

1 it's very disappointing as a member of the public. Thank
2 you.

3 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you,
4 Suzanne.

5 All right, up next Oscar Ramos and then after
6 Oscar Ramos, Nayamin Martinez. Oscar, go ahead whenever
7 you're ready.

8 MR. RAMOS: Okay, can you hear me?

9 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

10 MR. RAMOS: Okay, so my name is Oscar Ramos, O-S-
11 C-A-R R-A-M-O-S. and I am a former farm worker. Currently I
12 am a teacher, President of the Salinas Elementary Teachers
13 Council and a California Teachers Association state
14 representative. So what you have now is a good start. Thank
15 you. But it's not enough. I want you to picture some of
16 these scenarios. Okay? You are at a family event and one of
17 your family members has a medical emergency. Do you call 9-
18 1-1 and give them a one-mile radius as your location?
19 Absolutely not. It's ridiculous. Right? 4th of July we had
20 many fires. Do you think anyone called the fire department
21 to give them a one-mile radius as their location?
22 Absolutely not. It makes no sense. I'm a teacher.
23 Unfortunately, there are school shootings. When there's a
24 school shooting, do you think teachers give the police a
25 one-mile radius as their location? Of course not. That's

1 also ridiculous. If we surveyed a hundred thousand or even
2 a million random people, how many of them would say they
3 feel safer? Knowing the one-mile radius location versus the
4 exact location of the area where pesticides were applied,
5 would you feel safer? I wouldn't. So we thank you for
6 working with us. Our ask is easy and simple and the right
7 thing to do. For precaution reasons and for safety reasons,
8 please consider adding an exact location to the pesticide
9 notification system. We beg you. Thank you.

10 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Oscar. And
11 just a quick note, we will go until 8:45 to try to get as
12 many of you to get your comment.

13 So up next is Nayamin Martinez and after Nayamin,
14 Lourdes. Nayamin, whenever you're ready.

15 MS. NAYAMIN MARTINEZ: Thank you. Good evening.
16 My name is Nayamin Martinez, N-A-Y-A-M-I-N M-A-R-T-I-N-E-Z.
17 I am the executive director for the Central California
18 Environmental Justice Network and a resident of Fresno
19 County for over 24 years. Throughout this time I have
20 worked closely with farm workers and residents of rural
21 communities across multiple counties in the Central Valley.
22 All these thousands of individuals whose public health
23 continues to be threatened by the millions of pounds of
24 pesticides that are applied every year in our region. They
25 deserve to know the exact location where these dangerous

1 chemicals will be applied, not 24 or 48 hours in advance,
2 but 72 hours or more. DPR must consider a system that will
3 allow farm workers and the contractors that employ them,
4 the ability to know the sites where these will be applied
5 several days in advance to plan their work and to be able
6 to access this information for more than 10 sites.

7 Farm worker crews move their work locations
8 constantly and can easily surpass a 10 sites in a week.
9 Putting a limit of 10 addresses is unrealistic to ensure
10 the protection of public health of those who work hard to
11 put food on our tables. Residents who live near fields,
12 although deserve to know the exact location where
13 pesticides are applied, they have been good neighbors to
14 the farmers spraying them. It is time for farmers to be
15 good neighbors to these residents and not to hide on
16 paranoid excuses to continue their secret use of pesticides
17 or to deny that pesticides are currently affecting the
18 health of people. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Nayamin. Up
20 next Lourdes and then after Lourdes we have somebody on an
21 iPhone. So when you get unmuted you'll know.

22 Lourdes, go ahead and unmute when you're ready.

23 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

24 MS. MEDINA: Thank you and good evening.

25 Thank you all for taking the time to come share

1 public comment. I'm a resident of Fresno. I'm sorry. My
2 name is Lourdes Medina, L-O-U-R-D-E-S M-E-D-I-N-A. Now for
3 30 years living in Fresno County, originating from Los
4 Angeles County. And I'll tell you that just reading this
5 notification of the intent to ask for the notice of intent
6 to be a 24-hour time is not enough. That is not enough
7 considering when we are talking about Central Valley or in
8 the agricultural areas where news does not travel the same
9 way. We don't have the same forms of communication, and we
10 know also that unfortunately the anti-immigrant sentiment
11 is felt very much, especially when they don't consider
12 language, culture barriers and also socioeconomic barriers.
13 The CAC may get the information electronically, that's
14 great, but I think we should be more innovative and
15 creative in making sure that all community members have
16 access to this information.

17 Since the weather in the Central Valley,
18 especially, is like a big pot. The atmosphere closing us
19 in, the mountains, closing us in, all the bad air that we
20 get already from other industries, it just aggravates our
21 health. I ask and I plead that we all come together to a
22 better understanding that whether it be industry,
23 agriculture or families or just plain people, we all need
24 to live and have clean air and access to transparency. And
25 we all should always know that representation is important

1 and making sure that our legislative people understand that
2 these regulations or intent to make better practices, they
3 need to go further. I'm saddened to know that this is
4 happening in such last minute and I'm thankful for those
5 organizations that called upon me to remind me that this
6 was an issue that was being brought to us for public
7 speaking. Our voices are important and the more information
8 we give to government and government, listen to us, we make
9 a better future for all of us.

10 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you. Okay, if you
11 have an iPhone and you raised your hand --

12 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much and
14 yes, we can.

15 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: We can allow you to
16 unmute, and I believe you have to do star six to unmute. So
17 if you received a message to unmute whenever you're ready.

18 Okay. Just for the sake of time I'm going to come
19 back to you. We'll go to Lupe Cipres and then after Lupe
20 will be Ken B.

21 Go ahead, Lupe. Whenever you're ready.

22 MS. CIPRES: Hi, good afternoon. Can you hear me?

23 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

24 MS. CIPRES: Hi. Good afternoon. Thank you. My
25 name Lupe Cipres. I am from the Terra Bella residence,

1 resident in Tulare County. My name is spelled L-U-P-E. My
2 last name is C-I-P-R-E-S. Thank you everyone for your time
3 for being here today. I want to thank also this group for
4 allowing the system to be created. Long overdue, way
5 overdue. I just wanted to speak a few things saying that I
6 live in Tulare County, which is one of the highest in the
7 nation for pesticide spraying. And we would like to say
8 again, thank you for the system, but with that we'd also
9 like to see the project to take effect as soon as possible.
10 In other words, now. The great things to be added to this
11 applicant would be location of the application, excuse me,
12 I'm trying to speak fast. Location of the application, what
13 is being applied, how much of the quantity is being
14 applied, the dates and details.

15 Since everything that's filled out on the
16 formulary in order for these growers should be able to
17 apply their chemicals for a permit. It should be allowed
18 for us to be able to see it. The actual -- We were part of
19 the piloting program. We would also like to see real time
20 on it, on the applications being done, multiple languages
21 and also to be very illiterate friendly. Not everybody
22 reads/writes English nor other languages, if they're even
23 native too. We would like to see this happen more monitors
24 being set up, more restrictive rules on the growers.
25 Unfortunately they do make a dollar off of our living. We

1 are all community members and we all live in the same home.
2 So I would believe and I would like to see the program
3 enhance those features that make it a whole lot better for
4 all of us to live together. Thank you.

5 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Lupe.

6 Alright, up next is Ken B. and then after Ken
7 will be Cristina Gutierrez. Ken, one second. Okay, Ken,
8 whenever you are ready.

9 MR. BROWNING: Thank you. Ken Browning, B-R-O-W-
10 N-I-N-G.

11 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

12 I'm going to speak in Spanish and in English. I
13 have worked in agriculture for 50 years and contrary to
14 what Mr. Ferro said, who was the only person that has
15 worked in agriculture to make a living, and he has to say
16 things that maybe -- well I'm happy to hear that most of
17 you this evening have said that you need the exact
18 location, an exact location. It's a mission. That's very
19 good. I need for you to continue to say that because that's
20 how the process works. California has a very robust --
21 robust system that controls and manages the use of
22 chemicals such as pesticides. You are not the only causes;
23 pesticides are not the only cause of cancer. But I admit
24 and I agree with the comments that have been made and I
25 want you to know how you can get in touch with the

1 information. There are many ways that are available and
2 It's too much to want to make the system report this to
3 you. You have the information on hand, you can look at
4 labels, you can look at other SDSs. There's other
5 information that you can look up on your own. Don't
6 overload the system that is working. DPR has been achieving
7 progress for 67 years. Don't make it go down. Thank you.

8 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Ken.

9 Now we're going to go to Cristina Gutierrez and
10 then I'm going to try one of the iPhones. I saw your
11 message Reuben. I'll try and see which one is you. Go ahead
12 Cristina, whenever you're ready.

13 MS. GUTIERREZ: Good afternoon. I have a couple
14 people here with me. And I'll start with --

15 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: How many do you have?

16 MS. GUTIERREZ: Four.

17 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay.

18 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay, I'll start with Anna.

19 ANNA: Good afternoon. My name is Anna. I do not
20 understand why the draft regulations on pesticide
21 notification does not include exact location. How can my
22 family protect me? Please correct the draft regulations and
23 make sure it includes exact location children wants, want
24 exact location.

25 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay, we'll go ahead and continue

1 with Emily.

2 EMILY: Good afternoon. My name is Emily Flores.
3 I am seven years old. I live in Fresno. I am so happy to
4 see a plan for pesticides location (SIC). I do not ask -- I
5 do ask that you make that better. Make it better by adding
6 exact location. Children's want exact location. Thank you.

7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Up next is Adela.

8 MS. RODRIGUEZ: My name is Adela Rodriguez.

9 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

10 I ask that you strengthen, that you strengthen
11 the project of regulations for pesticides in the whole
12 state and to include exact location of the application of
13 pesticides that are planned. I know that pesticides are
14 applied close to where I am every day, and I want the
15 applications to be closer -- to be able to take additional
16 precautions during those days. Thank you.

17 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay, up next we have Anna.

18 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

19 ANNA: Yeah, Anna. Hi. Good afternoon to all of
20 you.

21 I think the importance of all of us (audio cut
22 out), and I can relate to this cause is because a lot of
23 the times we don't know where these locations and where
24 these chemicals are going to be sprayed. I too have a son
25 born with special needs now due to I believe a cause around

1 the time I got pregnant, my husband was working in the
2 fields and out of my three children I have one that was
3 born with and diagnosed with a disability and I believe
4 it's due to this pesticides that are being thrown out there
5 without us even knowing. And a lot of us don't know the
6 dangers that is causing our health and our loved ones,
7 especially our children. So I believe that this is a great
8 cause and we all have the right to know when they're going
9 to be spread and where exactly the location. Again, thank
10 you for your time and I really hope that this is done to
11 better all of us.

12 MS. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Anna.

13 Okay, so next, Cristina Gutierrez with CPR. I'm a
14 San Joaquin Valley regional coordinator and I thank
15 everyone for this space and for this opportunity to come
16 and have the opportunity to share what our opinions are. So
17 here I did hear a couple things and one of the gentleman
18 that was just mentioned, Senor Ferro did say that he has
19 been working, I mean his story, his body, his health is not
20 the same one as me, my kids and my family. We all have
21 different ways of taking the pesticide. So I'm sure that he
22 might have the information, but we have someone that faxes
23 up in this case is schools, the technicals. People that
24 read the chemicals and tells us, okay, this is why your
25 family has been getting sick. I have uncles, I have an aunt

1 that's sick and I have a lot of families that have been
2 exposed to this and I could tell you for firsthand, I used
3 to work in the fields, so now it's a matter of time.

4 If I ever decide to have a baby that my baby is
5 going to come out either, if I'm lucky enough, that they're
6 going to be born on the other hand that they're going to
7 come out having a situation. I don't want no social
8 security. I don't want to depend my child on no social
9 security. I want them to be healthy and grow healthy. As
10 you heard, my child's right now, they share their story,
11 their child's and they're asking for better air quality and
12 how I see is that childrens need and should have the exact
13 location and that's clearly what we need. It shouldn't be
14 so hard. It shouldn't be something that's out of the world
15 that we're asking. We want the exact location. It's simple
16 for me to go into my iPhone and see what the temperature is
17 going to look like, but yet it's not simple for me to know
18 when to visit my family members. I have family that live in
19 the fields, but yet I want to expose my dog -- expose my
20 daughters because they have asthma, they have symptoms that
21 we still don't know because their bodies are too young. So
22 we want the exact locations and I cannot express that as
23 well as others have. Thank you.

24 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay. Thank you,
25 Cristina. And just a quick update. I know a lot of you have

1 been here since six o'clock. There are 12 more hands to go
2 through. We're going to keep the webinar open until we hear
3 from all of you, so just be a little bit patient with us.
4 I'm going to try the iPhone. I have two iPhones listed here
5 and I can't distinguish which one you are, Ruben, so I'm
6 going to try to unmute you, try and see if you can.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Awesome.

8 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, great.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I think this is it, right?

10 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Awesome, awesome. Well thank you.
12 I appreciate the space, and the opportunity provided today.
13 My name is Ruben Rodriguez, a resident of the Creek Valley,
14 more specifically from the unceded land of the indigenous
15 Tachi Yokut, also known Coalinga. I'm also the director of
16 our air monitoring initiatives with Central California
17 Environmental Justice Network and also a member of Heal
18 Health, the environment for all lives. You shared a slide
19 before the opening comment periods about respect and you
20 also mentioned honoring time. So I thank you for extending
21 the space and allowing everybody to provide the comment.
22 That's honorable.

23 As you mentioned that I do want to say that I
24 feel that the agency has very little respect towards the
25 community. You are an agency that has failed the Valley,

1 and the Valley is made up of millions of residents.
2 Something wrong with DPR is when they claim that their
3 mission is to protect human health in the environment by
4 regulating pesticide sales and use and by fostering reduced
5 risk pesticides management. But we see the opposite.
6 Something is wrong, something is wrong, and the community
7 has to spend this much time and effort and demanding that
8 you stop this nonsense.

9 Something is wrong when DPR, as an agency, is
10 getting paid, yet you seem to favor the entity that is
11 applying the pesticides instead of the community that is
12 yelling for help. The time for DPR to do what is right is
13 now. You know your paycheck and your lifestyles are
14 comfortable, but that will only take you so far. I know you
15 hear us. I know you hear us, but are you listening to us? I
16 demand that you act on what we are demanding and honor your
17 position as an agency whose mission is to protect human
18 health and the environment by regulating pesticide sales
19 and use. We demand that DPR reveals the exact locations of
20 where these pesticides are being applied. Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Ruben.

22 Up next is Veronica Aguirre and then after
23 Veronica will be Cynthia Pinto-Cabrero. So Veronica, go
24 ahead and unmute whenever you're ready.

25 MS. AGUIRRE: Hi, good evening. My name is

1 Veronica Aguirre, V-E-R-O-N-I-C-A A-G-U-I-R-R-E. I am a
2 resident from the community of Avenal. And, first off, I'd
3 like to thank you for allowing me this time and space to
4 get to share my concern and get to listen to many stories.
5 The people that have experienced many that I had
6 experienced. Today it's actually very sad to me that I
7 think back 40 years ago as a teenager or a youngster living
8 in a farm labor community or a farm labor ranch, getting
9 dropped off and walking to our houses by the bus and planes
10 were flying above us and we were getting peppered with
11 spray and not knowing. We just laughed and ran home in all
12 the pesticide. There really wasn't much our parents could
13 do at the time. Much of it because of oppression. What are
14 we going to do? That's where we live.

15 That's how our parents feed us. So do we say
16 much. Taking it back 40 years later, here I am as an adult
17 and an advocate. I'm a community organizer for Central
18 California Environmental Justice Network and I'm seeing the
19 same. The history has not changed and we're still having to
20 apologize and we're still having to beg for information
21 that should be allowed to us. There should be no reason why
22 we should not have access to that information without
23 having to submit a PIR. There should be no reason why we
24 shouldn't have the exact location of what is being sprayed
25 and potentially poisoning our families and those around us.

1 I ask you tonight to take that chance and help us and break
2 this oppression. We hear people saying that they've been
3 around it for many years and nothing happened to them. Well
4 that's wonderful because I could tell you right now the
5 number of family members I have who were around it and are
6 no longer with us because of cancer. Can we prove it? No,
7 but if we have that information available, we may thank
8 you.

9 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Veronica.

10 All right, up next is Cynthia Pinto-Cabrera, and
11 then after Cynthia we'll have Lendri Purcell and Jason
12 Greenwald. Cynthia, whenever you're ready.

13 MS. PINTO-CABRERA: Hello. Good evening. Cynthia
14 Pinto-Cabrera, policy coordinator at the Central Valley Air
15 Quality Coalition and asthmatic and coach with Madera
16 Unified School District. Wanting to echo a lot of the
17 comments that have been said today about using the exact
18 location, but the San Joaquin Valley is one of the most
19 polluted air basins in the whole in nation. And pesticides
20 is a major problem when it comes to our ozone pollution
21 problem and with the pesticide, a notification along with
22 the exact location, not only are our residents and our
23 families and community members able to better protect
24 themselves from these carcinogenic chemicals that impact
25 our life, but they're also able to protect themselves from

1 increased air quality issues. A majority of the San Joaquin
2 Valley schools and hospitals, a lot of our sensitive
3 receptors are located near agricultural fields and
4 industries and being able to provide that exact location is
5 incredibly important, especially as a lot of our family
6 members and community members in the lowest low
7 socioeconomic level are really suffering here, relying on
8 things like swamp coolers to cool off. They need to know
9 the exact location to be able to take the proper
10 precautions to stabilize their homes, to be able to protect
11 themselves. So again, really not only for the sake of these
12 harmful chemicals and for the sake of knowing pesticides,
13 but also for our quality. Our communities have normalized
14 incredibly dangerous diseases like cancer. You've seen
15 tonight so many examples of cancer running along our
16 families, our communities, and even myself and my own
17 family having several cases of cancer, friends and family.
18 So for the sake of our health and wellbeing here in San
19 Joaquin Valley, we urge you to include the exact location
20 of our pesticides are being applied. Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you,
22 Cynthia. Alright, up next is Lendri Purcell and Jason
23 Greenwald. After Lendri will be Andrea Ventura. So Landry,
24 whenever you're ready.

25 MS. PURCELL: Can you hear me?

1 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

2 MS. PURCELL: Great, thank you. I'm Landri
3 Purcell, L-E-N-D-R-I, Purcell, P-U-R-C-E-L-L. I'm Co-
4 president of Jonas Philanthropies. I'm also a special
5 education teacher. We fund environmental health research
6 for the focus on preventing cancer in children, asthma and
7 chronic disease. We live in rural Sonoma County near
8 multiple large vineyards, CDPR. In 2017, estimated 2.5
9 million pounds of pesticides used here, 93 percent on wine
10 grapes. A hundred of Sonoma County schools are within a
11 quarter mile of agricultural pesticide use. Neighbors and
12 workers deserve to know the exact location, product names,
13 and active ingredients of pesticide applications so we can
14 keep our children, families, and communities safe. Without
15 useful info what was the point of any of this notification
16 work? Who are you trying to protect? Thank you. Here's my
17 husband.

18 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Lendri.

19 MR. GREENWALD: Hi, my name's Jason Greenwald.
20 I'm a public-school teacher in a rural Sebastopol school. I
21 have a documented glyphosate exposure. I had 27 parts per
22 million when the high is seven parts per million in my
23 urine. That should make everyone really nervous here
24 because I watch my diet, I eat mostly organic food, so we
25 all have a potential risk, and we all need to be looking

1 out for each other. Students and teachers have a right to
2 know where their application is happening. Mine, it seems
3 was the vineyards next to my school and I just would like
4 to make sure that we give people as much information as
5 possible. Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: All right, thank you,
7 Jason.

8 Okay, up next is Andria Ventura, and then after
9 Andria will be Laura Rosenberger Haider. Okay. Andria,
10 whenever you're ready.

11 MS. VENTURA: Can you hear me?

12 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

13 MS. VENTURA: Okay. I am Andria, A-N-D-R-I-A,
14 Ventura V as in Victor, E-N-T-U-R-A. I am the policy
15 director for an organization called Clean Water Action, and
16 I'm here speaking on behalf of our tens of thousands of
17 members throughout the state, including those living in
18 particularly impacted rural areas. This is the United
19 States. We're supposed to have information. We're supposed
20 to be an open society, and I just want to say that all, but
21 I think one speaker, has called for the exact site where
22 pesticides are being sprayed. That is absolutely necessary
23 for safety, for health, and because people have the right
24 to know when they are being exposed to something. I would
25 also suggest as someone who has worked on toxic chemical

1 issues for many, many years now, that while reporting the
2 active ingredient is a step in the right direction, I would
3 not leave out inert or inactive ingredients. Sometimes in
4 products those can be as harmful as the active ingredient.
5 I would also, on behalf of our members, question a one mile
6 radius that can cause a great deal of exposure and harm.

7 But the bottom line is we have the right as
8 Californians, as people to know where, when and how we are
9 being exposed. And our members want to see those exact
10 locations. Remember that the ultimate answer to protecting
11 communities is to restrict pesticide use, but while we are
12 still using them, we must provide people with information
13 that they can use to protect themselves and get help that
14 they need. Thank you for this opportunity.

15 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Andria. Okay,
16 up next is Laura Rosenberger and after Laura will be Byanka
17 Sanchez. Laura, whenever you're ready.

18 MS. HAIDER: Hi, my name is Laura Rosenberger
19 Haider, L-A-U-R-A H-A-I-D-E-R. Well, a farm next door to
20 where I was living started spraying some pesticide and my
21 neighbor, my landlord, misled me and said it was an organic
22 farm. But then I found out, I found out that it wasn't, and
23 it was spraying Roundup, but I didn't take precautions. It
24 wasn't bad when the wind was blowing the other direction,
25 but a few hours later the wind changed and my trailer had

1 leaky windows. I didn't have an air filter. I got a severe
2 allergic reaction. I started feeling faint and dizzy and
3 chills and nausea and I felt like I was going to faint. I
4 thought I was going to die. I was thinking whether I should
5 call the ambulance or go to the emergency room. And then I
6 broke out in rashes all over. I was misdiagnosed. And then
7 finally they said atopic dermatitis all over my body and
8 nothing worked, no medicine worked against it. So please
9 tell us the exact location of where the pesticides being
10 applied and tell us a few days in advance we can take
11 precautions. All right, thank you very much.

12 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Laura.

13 Okay, up next is Byanka Santoyo and after Byanka
14 will be Maria Pereda. Okay, Byanka, whenever you're ready.

15 MS. SANTOYO: Well, thank you everybody from DPR
16 to make this possible on the notification. I know it's a
17 long process. As one of my current residents mentioned
18 earlier, it started because one of the Ag commissioners
19 completely dismissed our having a pilot notification here
20 five years ago. The state had to take the lead after so
21 many fights. After going up with community members from
22 different regions, it sets a precedent that our voices are
23 being heard, but it still is missing a lot of flaws. One of
24 them is exact location. Location is the most important part
25 of adding a notification. We do have a notification here in

1 Kern County. It's a grower-to-grower and it gives you exact
2 location. It's frustrating to know that industry protects
3 each other's facts but is not willing to protect
4 community's health.

5 It's awful to hear that communities are being
6 poisoned. I've heard a remark of an individual saying that
7 they haven't gotten sick, boohoo, yay, you did it. But we
8 have family members that are dying out here. We have family
9 members that are with cancer with, I'll say one
10 specifically, my mother is in dialysis. She has two years
11 doing dialysis and she's been in the list for almost three
12 years, and they don't even give her one chance of hope that
13 she'll get one anything anytime soon. This is frustrating
14 that we see our dear ones, we'll bury them day after day
15 after day, and we need these type of regulations to be
16 exactly how they should and give exact location. We can't
17 wait another year. We can't wait until the review process
18 happens. We need to come now and then after that we could
19 do the review process. Thank you.

20 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Byanka.
21 Okay, up next is Maria Pereda on the iPhone, and then after
22 Maria will be Susanna Canseco. So Maria, whenever you're
23 ready.

24 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

25 MS. PEREDA: Can you hear me? My name is Maria

1 Pereda organization of Lideres Campesinas, and I'm asking
2 for the exact location of the pesticide. I am one of the
3 people who has worked in the fields for several years and
4 I'm a witness and I have suffered of all that because of
5 pesticides. I worked in broccoli and to our side there were
6 always helicopter spraying, wherever we moved to one field
7 or another, and they always did the same. And over time I
8 got sick. I had migraines and also asthma. At the end of
9 everything, now I have migraines. I am a chronic asthmatic
10 and what I was left with was a medication I have to take
11 for the rest of my life. I'm always having to have inhalers
12 and only I have one lung that's been affected. Thank you.

13 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Maria. Okay,
14 thank you, Maria. Next up is Susanna Canseco and after
15 Susanna will be Rocio Madrigal. Susanna, whenever you're
16 ready.

17 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

18 MS. CANSECCO: Can you hear me? Hi, good evening.
19 My name is Susana, S-U-S-A-N-A, Canseco, C-A-N-S-C-O-C-O in
20 the county of Madera. And as a worker, I work in the
21 environmental network as community outreach. Since I work
22 with the workers in the field and the nearby communities, I
23 have heard their concerns and their experiences firsthand.
24 Many of our workers and neighbors have been exposed to
25 pesticides without prior notice. Agricultural workers who

1 go into fields that have been just treated without knowing
2 what they have been exposed to, and parents who are worried
3 about the safety of their children at schools that are
4 close to agricultural areas. People who don't know when
5 these chemicals are applied and how they can affect their
6 health. The lack of notification causes uncertainty and
7 fear, and they have real consequences with respiratory
8 problems, skin irritation, chronic illnesses. These are
9 calling for urgent action. It's crucial that these clear
10 notification systems and effective systems are necessary
11 for people who work in the field, the schools and the
12 residents so they can take the necessary steps to reduce
13 their risk. We are calling the authorities, and everyone
14 involved to listen to our voices and to act as a
15 consequence. Transparency in the use of pesticides is a
16 active responsibility and respect towards our communities.
17 Together we can ensure that our communities be protected
18 and that our workers, our farm workers, can carry out their
19 work with safety in mind. Priorities needs to be
20 transparency always. Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, up next is Rocio
22 Madrigal and after Rocio will be Raul Garcia. Whenever
23 you're ready.

24 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

25 MS. MADRIGAL: Hi. Good evening to all of you. We

1 are a big company here. We are from the Center of
2 Environmental Justice. We have several people here from
3 different locations and we have many comments. We are going
4 to state them to you, but most of us just want you guys to
5 -- we want you to take us into account and give us the
6 opportunity to know exactly when the pesticides are going
7 to be applied so we can take care of our children ourselves
8 and take preventative measures. And as everyone else said,
9 why not do it if you already have the technology? It's just
10 a matter of will and having respect towards the community.
11 And we have a lot of examples of people who due to
12 pesticides and all that have had symptoms develop and
13 respiratory problems. We have several comments we don't
14 want to take a lot of time, so we just decided to send all
15 the comments so that you will have them. We have
16 approximately 20 comments to send.

17 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you very much,
18 Rocio.

19 Okay, up next is Raul Garcia, whenever you're
20 ready.

21 MR. RAUL GARCIA: Hello?

22 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

23 MR. RAUL GARCIA: Oh, hello. My name is Raul
24 Garcia. It's R-A-U-L G-A-R-C-I-A. I'm from Porterville,
25 California and I'm in the Tulare County regional organizer

1 for Californians for Pesticide Reform. And I've come here
2 to also reflect the vast, vast majority of commentary
3 tonight, supporting the exact location for pesticide
4 applications. We believe that this program for pesticide
5 notification is a great start for our community members to
6 be able to make the lifestyle adjustments that they need to
7 make so that they can avoid exposure to pesticides or
8 unnecessary exposure to pesticides and also keep their
9 friends, family safe. It is also imperative to us that this
10 program include exact location so that our community
11 residents can make the proper lifestyle and daily
12 adjustments to avoid certain parts of towns or their
13 community that they feel maybe higher concentrations to
14 these restricted materials. A lot of our community members
15 don't understand that if this is already information
16 available towards other sectors or towards other people in
17 the sector of the economy, then why can't it be available
18 towards those who actually work in the fields when it comes
19 to that sector. If farm workers -- I mean if farmers,
20 growers, landowners, and even the chemical industry itself
21 can know when and where these chemicals are being applied,
22 why can't the people who actually work and live in these
23 communities as well. They're just as much a part of the
24 economy and the labor force in this sector as anyone else.
25 And they have just as much right to know, especially since

1 they are the labor when it comes to this issue. Thank you.

2 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Raul.

3 All right. At this time, I just want to remind
4 everyone that the comment period does not end until August
5 1st, 2024. DPR will be hosting an in-person hearing on July
6 23rd in Shafter, where you can make oral comments and you
7 can also submit your comments in writing via email, the
8 SmartComment online comment, portal, mail, or fax. And just
9 remember DPR gives equal weight to oral and written
10 comments. So at this time, let the record reflect that
11 there are no more individuals who are interested in making
12 a public comment via Zoom. And I want to just thank
13 everyone for attending and thank you for your patience and
14 we will conclude. We officially conclude the hearing and go
15 off record. So thank you, everyone.

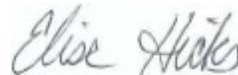
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I do hereby certify that the testimony in the foregoing hearing was taken at the time and place therein stated; that the testimony of said witnesses were reported by me, a certified electronic court reporter and a disinterested person, and was under my supervision thereafter transcribed into typewriting.

And I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for either or any of the parties to said hearing nor in any way interested in the outcome of the cause named in said caption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of October, 2024.



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I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript, to the best of my ability, from the electronic sound recording of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter.



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October 9, 2024