

April Palmer

Director Julie Henderson,

Dear DPR Director Julie Henderson,

We strongly support the effort to provide Californians with advance notice of hazardous pesticide use. We urge you to make sure the new regulation is as effective as possible to ensure that impacted residents can protect themselves from harm. To truly be effective, the system must include the exact location of planned pesticide applications.

Scientific research confirms that the public is in greater risk of harm the closer they are to a pesticide application. An application next to one's house is of even greater concern than an application a mile away and would require more precautions.

I live in Ventura County, called "Cancer Alley." I volunteer at Mesa Farm in the heart of Ojai Valleys agricultural area where residences are located among long-time orange orchards whose owners continue to practice aerial spraying. This endangers the youth who come to live at Mesa Farm to gain a strong, rewarding direction in life. Local spraying is a serious health risk.

Notification with dates and locations of spraying should be mandatory.

Sincerely,

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