

Jay Gillette

Dear Director Henderson and all concerned,

As a member of the production agricultural community for many years, I continue to work hard to ensure my pest management practices protect my community, my farm, and the environment. Considering the above noted rules and regulations, I do not believe that statewide notification is necessary in anticipation of pesticide applications. The labeled uses of these products already provide the framework for effective use of the product ensuring the safety of the user, our neighbors, and the environment.

Should the Department continue to add even more bureaucracy and move forward with this project, I ask the Department to consider the following items:

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

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

I apologize for using a template for this letter, but I am already so busy complying with regulations and my mother in the hospital, that this was the quickest way for me to be heard on this subject. I fully and strongly support the comments above.

Sincerely,

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