

Crain Orchards, Inc.

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3. CDPR needs to explain the pesticide registration process and how application rates, buffer zones, and allowed uses are determined to prevent exposure to workers, residents, and innocent bystanders.
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Sincerely,

Elvin Bentz

Vice President

Crain Orchards, Inc.



July 24, 2024

California Department of Pesticide Regulation
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles R. Crain, Jr.", written over a white background.

Charles R. Crain, Jr.
President & CEO
Crain Walnut Shelling, LP