

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION

In the Matter of:

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Statewide Notification of)
Agricultural Use of)
Restricted Materials)
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P R O C E E D I N G S

6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024

HEARING OFFICER CORREA: So good evening. My name is Lucy Correa. I'm a Senior Environmental Scientist with the Department of Pesticide Regulation. I will be the Hearing Officer for today's public hearing and as hearing officer, I will be accepting your comments today. I do want to make note that we are not in a position to answer any questions or address any individual comments as we need to allow time for everyone to provide a comment. We will be responding to comments in writing as part of our official regulatory rulemaking packet that's going to be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law.

For the record, today is July 12th, 2024, and it is 6:32 p.m. Pacific time. We are at the Carnegie Arts Center located at 250 North Broadway, Turlock, California 95380. This hearing is being transcribed today by Elise Hicks from California Reporting. The transcript of this hearing will be part of the rulemaking record. And we will have a recorder at the podium, so if you're making your comment, you're going to notice there's going to be a recorder. This is for the transcriber's benefit. The transcription of the hearing will be made part of the rulemaking record. This hearing is also being interpreted

1 as I mentioned before, from English to Spanish, Spanish to
2 English by Carlos Diaz and Ruth Monroy of TransLang.

3 To start off, I want to emphasize that DPR
4 welcomes participation from all members of the public. So
5 if you know someone that wasn't able to attend today,
6 please let them know that they can also provide their
7 comment via email sent to DPR23003@cdpr.ca.gov. They can
8 also submit a comment through the DPR SmartComment, which
9 is our DPR online comment portal, or by mail that is
10 postmarked no later than August 1st, 2024. Instructions for
11 submitting a written comment are on this slide and can also
12 be found in the notice of modifications to text, which was
13 published on DPR's website on July 2nd, 2024.

14 Let's start off with some general housekeeping
15 announcements. First of all, I would ask that all those
16 attending this hearing, please check and mute your phones.
17 For those attending this hearing who wish to make a
18 comment, please sign up at the DPR signup table. It's right
19 outside these double doors so we can capture your name. If
20 you have already signed up to provide a comment today, I
21 will be calling on attendees by the name and the order the
22 name is listed. So sign up at the table. We have some DPR
23 staff that can assist with signups if you need some
24 assistance.

25 Before we begin taking comments, I'm going to

1 provide a brief procedural background of the proposed
2 action. The director of DPR has called this hearing to
3 receive public comments on proposed modifications to the
4 following rulemaking action. On November 3rd, 2023, issued
5 a notice proposing to amend sections 6000, 6424, 6428,
6 6432, and 6434 of Title 3, California Code of Regulations.
7 A 70-day public comment was held that included three public
8 hearings in 2023. The comment period closed on January
9 12th, 2024. Based on the comments received from the initial
10 comment period, DPR is proposing to modify the original
11 proposed amendments to Section 30 --6434, Title 3,
12 California Code of Regulations. DPR finds that the
13 modifications are sufficiently related to the original
14 proposed text.

15 The proposed modifications will clarify that for
16 intended restricted material application for the production
17 of an agricultural commodity, soil fumigants are subject to
18 the 48-hour notice of intent, also called NOI, submission
19 and DPR notification timing requirement. All other
20 restricted material pesticide applications requiring a
21 permit are subject to the 24-hour notice of intent
22 submission and DPR notification timing requirement. The
23 proposed modification will also clarify that the
24 requirement for DPR to make notice of intent information
25 publicly available will be effective 30 days after the

1 effective date of that regulation. The proposed
2 modification will also clarify that DPR will make the
3 pesticide product names and active ingredients for intended
4 soil fumigant applications publicly available. Lastly, DPR
5 amended the process for reviewing and evaluating the
6 notification system. DPR will now be required to annually
7 issue a status update on the system and process for making
8 select notice of intent information publicly available
9 until DPR issues a draft report on the system three years
10 after the regulation becomes effective.

11 DPR will be required to present the status update
12 to and receive feedback from the Department of Pesticide
13 Regulation's Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and
14 the State Board of Food and Agriculture, and to receive
15 public comment on each annual status update for a minimum
16 of 30 days. Three years after the regulation becomes
17 effective, DPR will be required to issue a report that
18 comprehensively evaluates its system and process for making
19 select notice of intent information publicly available.
20 Under the modified regulation text, before issuing a final
21 report, DPR will be required to present the draft report to
22 and receive feedback from DPR's Environmental Justice
23 Advisory Committee and the State Board Agriculture -- Food
24 and Agriculture and to accept public comment on the draft
25 report for a minimum of 45-days.

1 Today's proceeding is an official governmental
2 proceeding intended to allow members of the public an
3 opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process by
4 providing comments and suggestions on how to improve the
5 proposed modifications.

6 As previously mentioned, these modifications were
7 officially proposed on July 2nd, 2024. On July 2nd --
8 Sorry. July 2nd, 2024, DPR opened the public comment on the
9 proposed modifications. The public comment is scheduled to
10 close on August 1st, 2024, and until that time, written
11 comments will be accepted. DPR will accept written comments
12 that are submitted via US mail and postmarked no later than
13 August 1st, 2024. DPR will also accept comments transmitted
14 via email to DPR23003@cdpr.ca.gov, via the SmartComment
15 online comment portal or by fax at 916-324-1491 no later
16 than August 1st, 2024. DPR's mailing address, email and fax
17 number as well as a link to the SmartComment webpage can be
18 found in the notice of modifications.

19 For the record, the material that serves as
20 background for this hearing is the rulemaking file. The
21 rulemaking file consists of the notice of proposed action,
22 the proposed text, the initial statement of reasons, the
23 economic and fiscal impact statement and a grouping of
24 documents referred to as the "documents relied upon." The
25 rulemaking file also contains the notice of modifications

1 and the text of modified regulations, transcripts from all
2 public hearings on the regulation as well as a document
3 called the Final Statement of Reasons. The Final Statement
4 of Reasons will contain DPR's responses in writing to all
5 timely received comments during the initial comment on the
6 proposed rulemaking action and this second comment on the
7 proposed modifications to the rulemaking action. As I
8 mentioned previously, DPR will not be answering questions
9 or responding to comments. DPR is not in a position to
10 respond to individual comments at this time as we need to
11 give all comments we receive equal consideration. DPR will
12 respond to comments after the close of the comment period
13 as part of the final submission of the regulation to the
14 Office of Administrative Law. If you have any questions
15 about these regulations, please refer to the rulemaking
16 documents by scanning one of the QR codes on our signup
17 table.

18 We're now going to move on to the public
19 comments. I'm showing on the screen meeting agreements for
20 this public hearing. These agreements were developed by a
21 collaborative group of county agricultural commissioners,
22 community advocates and DPR staff to help us all hold space
23 in our time together and enhance and improve public
24 participation and to set the stage for a productive
25 meeting. This is considered a formal hearing; however, you

1 will not be placed under oath. You will not be subject to
2 examination or cross-examination nor is this an appropriate
3 venue for DPR to answer questions or engage in dialogue in
4 response to your oral comment. DPR will respond to comments
5 after the close of the comment period as part of the final
6 submission of the regulation to the Office of
7 Administrative Law.

8 In order to allow adequate opportunity for public
9 comment, each public commenter will be allowed two minutes.
10 We ask that you respect this time limit. If you exceed the
11 time limit, I may encourage you to wrap it up. We will have
12 a clock on the screen to show you how your time is coming
13 along. As a reminder, the formal comment period does not
14 end until August 1st, 2024, and you can also submit your
15 written comments via email, the SmartComment online comment
16 portal, mail or fax. The format of submitting a public
17 comment orally or in writing does not impact DPR'S
18 consideration or weight given to the comment. DPR asks that
19 you direct your comments specifically to content of the
20 proposed modifications, focusing on what changes you would
21 make to improve them. In addition, if there are elements of
22 the proposed modifications that you're particularly
23 supportive of, please let us know.

24 Finally, please demonstrate mutual respect for
25 each other and this process. You may not agree with the

1 commenter's point of view, but I ask that you refrain from
2 making personal remarks about other speakers or their
3 comments. It is important that each person be heard, and
4 this hearing be conducted in a courteous manner. I will ask
5 the room to be quiet while others are making their comments
6 at this time. Anyone who wishes to make a comment orally
7 during the hearing, please be sure to sign up at the DPR
8 table or seek out a DPR staff member to sign up to provide
9 your public comment. Persons will be heard in the order
10 they have signed up. And I already have three pages here --
11 a list of people. When I call your name, please come to the
12 microphone so that your comments can be entered into the
13 record. Please state and spell your name for the benefit of
14 the transcriber and begin your comment. We will begin the
15 timer for you for your comment when you begin speaking.
16 After stating and spelling your name, I do want to
17 apologize in advance if I mispronounce your name, I'll do
18 my best to get it right.

19 Okay. When I call someone, I will also announce
20 the person -- the next person that will be up next. So our
21 first commenter is Eileen Jane Giron, and the person after
22 Eileen will be Adela Rodriguez.

23 MS. GIRON: My comment is first, why only English
24 and Spanish, the language that you're giving. There's
25 another language that they speak with and the second I want

1 to comment in the public right now for the hearing. I know
2 you're not going to answer us, but this is the question is
3 because this hearing is dear to my heart. My sister is
4 working in the field. So those pesticides that you're using
5 against the worker, the farmers are not really helpful and
6 it's not safe in the Valley also. Like me, I have a chronic
7 asthma and some help and seniors, people that cannot go
8 outside and spend summer outside with their family and how
9 they're going to be saying or praying with them kids if
10 those pesticide outside are not safe in the field and our
11 farmers are not safe to do their work or harvest the farms
12 or harvest the fruits ever. You cannot go outside in the
13 public. Or now in summertime it's really hot because those
14 pesticide that you're using it in the Valley, it's really
15 harmful for us if you and the committee that can listen to
16 us. I really appreciate that you can answer those questions
17 for us.

18 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you Eileen.
19 We did have in the notice, let's see -- Sorry -- in the
20 notice to the modifications, it stated that you can provide
21 a request for other languages within 10 days before the
22 hearing. Okay. Okay. Thank you, Eileen. Okay, thank you,
23 Eileen. The next one, Adela Rodriguez and after Adela will
24 be Jesus Hernandez.

25 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

1 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Good afternoon. My name is Adela
2 Rodriguez. And I'm here to ask for more information about
3 pesticides. I was also a field worker for many years and my
4 daughters suffered a lot from asthma and different types of
5 health problems, personal problems because we didn't know
6 what the situation was regarding the pesticides. You just
7 go to the fields, and you get to work without knowing what
8 the consequences are, without knowing whether you're
9 supposed to try to cover yourself, what you need to be able
10 to work in the fields because of the pesticides that are
11 applied, and you never know what harm it's going to cause
12 later on.

13 Years ago you could take young kids with you to
14 work, and my children were very young when we were exposed
15 to these pesticides. We didn't know that at the time. We're
16 barely learning now that all of that has consequences on a
17 long-term basis and we're suffering that right now. My
18 daughters didn't use to have asthma. They have asthma now
19 and they have different allergies, and they weren't born
20 with them. Right now as the years have gone by, I don't
21 know if it was because of that, because of the pesticides,
22 but other families that live where I used to live, they
23 didn't live there, and they weren't exposed to that.
24 They're normal, but my girls are suffering from these
25 ailments. So we would like to know more about the

1 pesticides and what they cause on a long-term basis. And
2 yes, we would like for you to notify the families, please,
3 that work in the fields or that work close to the fields to
4 find a way to help them, so this doesn't happen so that the
5 children don't suffer these consequences, especially the
6 children being born that are our future. Thank you very
7 much, Avela.

8 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay. Our next commenter
9 is Jesus Hernandez and then after Jesus will be John X
10 Mataka.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: We waiting for Jesus.

12 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, go ahead, John.
13 Oh, sorry. Can you please state and spell your name for the
14 record?

15 MR. MATAKA: John X Mataka. J-O-H-N X M-A-T-A-K-
16 A. Go ahead and start.

17 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Yes.

18 MR. MATAKA: Okay. Well, I'm here today to say
19 that while access to the website has improved greatly, the
20 main issue remains to be exact location. It does no good to
21 know that pesticides are being sprayed within a mile of
22 where I live. I live in the community of Grayson. We were
23 in the pilot project where our whole community of 1300
24 people is surrounded by orchards, so there's pesticides
25 being sprayed, not just restricted, but a whole lot of ones

1 that are bad too, that aren't restricted all the time
2 around where I live. So I need to know exactly an address.
3 The location where the pesticide is going to be sprayed
4 because if I don't, what am I going to do? Keep my windows
5 closed year-round? What am I going to do? Bring my
6 grandchildren's toys in year-round? I need a location. Now
7 look, if you can find out where sex offenders are living in
8 your neighborhood with an exact location, you should be
9 able to find out where a pesticide is being sprayed in an
10 exact location.

11 If you can get an amber alert about what freeway
12 and what location a car was seen stealing a child, you
13 ought to be able to give us an exact location where a
14 pesticide is being sprayed. We have that right to know
15 we're going to spray something poison around our
16 neighborhood. We need to know exactly where it's at. That's
17 the whole issue. That's the main, main issue here. And our
18 people walk around, our community, walk through the fields
19 all the time. I know we're not supposed to walk through the
20 fields, but we do, and oftentimes, you know, if we knew
21 where it was going to be sprayed, we wouldn't walk through
22 those fields and so I'm saying the main issue here is
23 location, exact location, not maybe not, you know. Exact.
24 Thank you very much.

25 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you John.

1 Alright, our next commenter we'll go back to Jesus
2 Hernandez and after Jesus will be Roger Isom. Jesus. Okay,
3 Jesus is coming.

4 Jesus, please state your name and spell it for
5 the record please.

6 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: My name is Jesus Hernandez --

8 (OFF MIC COLLOQUOY)

9 Okay. I wanted to know, I want to be informed
10 rather of the exact locations where they're going to be
11 spraying pesticides and that's it. That's what I wanted to
12 say. I want to receive that notification.

13 TRANSLATOR: Thank you, Jesus.

14 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay. Next step is Roger
15 Isom and then after Roger it'll be Jane Sellen. Roger, if
16 you could please state your name and spell it for the
17 record.

18 MR. ISOM: Sure. My name is Roger Isom. That's R-
19 O-G-E-R I-S-O-M as in Mary. I'm with the California Cotton
20 Ginners and Growers Association and the Western
21 Agricultural Processors Association. I want to start my
22 comments by a comment I made back in December that I really
23 think speaks to some of the issues. And that is the DPR --
24 Well, I appreciate you opening up and talking a little bit
25 about the notification system. What's missing is the

1 process. There's concern that people are being exposed to
2 pesticides when we spray them. The fact of the matter is,
3 and I know there's DPR folks here and there's at least a
4 couple Ag commissioners, no way in the world would DPR or
5 any Ag commissioner in this room, ever allow a pesticide to
6 be sprayed that would affect a farmworker, a resident, or
7 innocent bystander. It just would not happen. What you guys
8 need to explain is the process that a pesticide goes
9 through and all of the restrictions that are put in place,
10 especially for restricted use materials, there's extra
11 conditions and extra protections put in place to avoid the
12 very thing that people are being concerned about.

13 We're concerned with this regulation because we
14 think it (audio cut out) to the which has happened in
15 Monterey where applications have actually been postponed
16 because they've been appealed. We don't want that to
17 happen. Again, if we submit an application and there's
18 something wrong with it or conditions exist that would not
19 make it favorable or could explain DPR or the Ag
20 commissioner would never allow it to happen. So those
21 protections are put in place and that needs to be
22 considered. With that in mind, the question to be asked is
23 what is success on this? Because today, again, all those
24 protections are put in place. How are people going to be
25 satisfied with what the outcome is if we're already doing

1 this? Thank you.

2 MS. BAILEY: I'm going to switch the mics to make
3 it a little bit easier for us to hear and please speak
4 close to the mic so we can capture your comment for the
5 record.

6 MS. SELLEN: My name is Jane Sellen.

7 MS. BAILEY: How's that?

8 MS. SELLEN: Yeah. J-A-N-E S-E-L-L-E-N. I'm co-
9 director of Statewide Coalition Californians for Pesticide
10 Reform. Thank you for the opportunity to provide public
11 comment. We strongly support the inclusion in this draft
12 regulation of an annual review process and a formal role
13 for DPR's new environmental justice advisory committee, in
14 that process. We also strongly support the inclusion of
15 total acreage and both product and active ingredient names
16 in the information provided. However I align my comments
17 with many you have heard throughout the development of this
18 regulation in calling for the inclusion of the exact field
19 location in the notification program. As you know, this was
20 not included in any of the pilots and the overwhelming
21 feedback provided in those pilots was that this was a
22 critical omission. The intent of the pilots was to guide
23 the development of the regulation, but DPR has declined to
24 be guided by this feedback. DPR is on record stating that
25 the exact location cannot be provided because that

1 information is not standardized.

2 However, it's well within DPR's regulatory power
3 to standardize that location information and it's clear
4 that continued refusal to do so has nothing to do with
5 technical feasibility. Scientific research and common sense
6 tell us, the closer you are to a pesticide application, the
7 greater the risk of harm. In a study published last
8 February, UCLA and USC researchers provided evidence that
9 living near paraquat applications in three central Valley
10 counties increased the risk of developing Parkinson's and
11 the spatial scale used by researchers was 500 meters.
12 That's about a third of a mile, significantly more granular
13 location than is in the current proposed system. A 2020
14 review of six recent studies confirmed that the shorter the
15 distance to pesticide applications, the greater the
16 concentration of pesticides in air and dust. DPR and county
17 ag commissions have access to exact location information.
18 They must include it in this proposed notification system.
19 Thank you.

20 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: The next commenter is
21 Erika Alfaro, and after Erika will be Ana Barrera.

22 MS. ALFARO: Hello. Good evening. Erika Alfaro,
23 E-R-I-K-A A-L-F-A-R-O. I'm a public health nurse with San
24 Mateo County and I know that it is extremely important.

25 (OFF MIC COLLOQUOY. MIC ISSUES.)

1 So as I mentioned, I'm a public health nurse and
2 it is extremely important to protect the farm working
3 communities from harmful pesticides, as Jane had mentioned.
4 So if we must spray these chemicals, why wouldn't we take
5 the proper measures to actually have the exact location?
6 Right? It has nothing to do with technology. It's something
7 that's definitely feasible. So again, why wouldn't we do
8 our due diligence to protect our families, to protect the
9 health of our families? When I think about the children
10 being affected, families, the people with Parkinson's
11 disease, we also have to think about the costs -- the
12 greater costs, right? It's a cost to not only the families
13 have to go to these appointments that have to lose days of
14 work. It's also about, at the end of the day, if we think
15 about finances too, right? Because that's really, really
16 important in this country and what I'm trying to say is
17 that overall, health should be the priority of anything
18 that we're doing, right? So I just can't emphasize the
19 importance of -- I understand right now we have one square
20 mile, but what's the difference between 500 feet and one
21 mile? It's actually rather significant, right? You could
22 have children having school sessions within that area that
23 there are just things that we just could do so much better
24 and having the exact location would be first step to
25 actually doing the right. Thank you.

1 MS. BARRERA: Ana Barrera, A-N-A B-A-R-R-E-R-A. I
2 am a teacher in the Salinas Valley, 28 (audio cut out)
3 working (audio cut out) in California, 18 of those in the
4 Salinas Valley. This poster that you see here was drawn by
5 one of my students for an environmental justice course this
6 summer, a freshman. After she drew it, I asked her how she
7 was inspired because she did it in less than 30 minutes.
8 She said, because she works out in the fields. We fought to
9 make sure we had, and we were demanding one mile buffer
10 zones around every school, 24/7. We only got one fourth of
11 a mile and Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
12 I've been involved in the movimiento(audio cut out)
13 pesticide reform. We're demanding today exact location.
14 This is affecting the Mexican American community, our
15 campesinos Tulare California just down the road a couple
16 months ago. It happened in 2005 across the high school that
17 I work at. It happened with chloropicrin sending people to
18 the hospitals, read up on it, "Mapping a Menace," by
19 Humboldt State University.

20 This is something that continues to happen and is
21 perpetuated on our California Mexican American community.
22 This is environmental racism. Call it for what it is. Stop
23 playing around with the miles. You're giving our
24 communities one miles. You're not giving our schools one
25 miles; you're only giving us one-fourth of a mile. It is

1 about time that we bring this reform to California. Cesar
2 Chavez passed away, but our movement is strong. Our
3 movement continues in California and we're demanding exact
4 location. We are also asking in Salinas; we need our air
5 monitoring system back on. Why did you take it away? We
6 need that data because that's the data that continues this
7 movement. When we ask for science, we need to know exact
8 location because you're killing our communities.

9 MR. TORRES: Hello, I am Victor Torres, V-I-C-T-
10 O-R T-O--DOUBLE R-E-S. I am from Greenfield, California and
11 I'm here on behalf today of Future Leaders of Change, with
12 many more members in the audience.

13 The pesticide notification system CDPR is
14 proposing is not good enough. For four years, community
15 members have been asking for a system that includes its
16 exact field location information. I am appalled that after
17 so many years of gathering public comments with nearly all
18 of them calling for this information, CDPR is still not
19 including exact field information, even though county Ag
20 commissioners have it, even though we can get this
21 information after the fact via Public Records Act requests.
22 And on a more personal note, we need exact location to
23 prevent more cases of pesticide exposure like I did.

24 I am a victim of pesticide exposure. I was in
25 sixth grade when I was exposed to dangerous pesticides near

1 my schools with my parents not having any prior notice of
2 what was applied directly beside where I was learning. No
3 other child should have to worry about applied -- being
4 dangerous chemicals being applied near their schools in a
5 place of learning. They shouldn't have to worry about being
6 rushed to the ER, being treated by medical staff on the
7 brink of death like I was. This is the reality many
8 children in Monterey County and many other counties across
9 California in predominantly Latino American communities
10 live. You don't know what it's like to live near fields
11 where you don't know where you know very hazardous
12 pesticides are being applied nearby, but you don't know
13 what or when they're being applied. The system DPR is
14 proposing could be so positive for community health, but as
15 we saw with the pilot projects, getting countless messages
16 covering a whole square mile area can be overwhelming and
17 disempowering to communities. We need exact locations to be
18 able to take appropriate actions to stay safe, to make sure
19 our parents have proper notice of where these dangerous
20 chemicals are being applied to make sure none of our
21 community members, none of our youth have to live through
22 the same ordeal that I did.

23 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Victor. Thank
24 you, Victor. Our next commenter is Yanely Martinez, and
25 then after Yanely will be Renee Pinel.

1 MS. MARTINEZ: So we have a little baton going on
2 and name wise, I am not even going to go ahead with my
3 name, just Nely, N-E-L-Y, just simple as that. And boy, all
4 I could say is DPR, man, you guys owe me. You almost did
5 not hear from me. You guys really pushed me in the traffic,
6 right? But guess what, I'm here.

7 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

8 We're going to talk about this - we celebrate
9 this movement that we took today was achieved thanks to our
10 people, thanks to everyone who is here today. So each and
11 every one of you, deserve to give yourself a round of
12 applause because it was you. As I said, it wasn't DPR, it
13 wasn't politicians, it wasn't commissioners. My apologies
14 Juan Hidalgo. It was each and every member of the community
15 was here today. It was the people and that is a historical
16 fact that we're celebrating. It's a battle that has taken
17 us throughout the state from Ventura to the Central Valley
18 to be here again today. But we are here to say that we
19 still need to know exact location again, what do we need?

20 AUDIENCE: Exact location

21 What do we need?

22 AUDIENCE: Exact location.

23 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

24 What do we need? We need to know the exact
25 location in order to protect ourselves, in order to protect

1 myself, to protect my family, to protect our future
2 generations who are studying near those fields because I
3 don't want any other moms to go through what I went through
4 when my kids suffered an asthma attack while in school and
5 I basically was told about what had happened with the
6 pesticide application one month later. No mom should have
7 to wait for a month while her son is fighting for his life,
8 not a single mother more. Today we want exact location.

9 What do we want?

10 AUDIENCE: Exact location.

11 When do we want it?

12 AUDIENCE: Now.

13 What do we want?

14 AUDIENCE: Exact location.

15 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

16 When?

17 AUDIENCE: Now.

18 Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Yanelly.

20 Alright, up next is Renee Pinel and then after Renee will
21 be Mechelle Perea.

22 MS. PINEL: Thank you. Renee Pinel, R-E-N-E-E P-
23 I-N-E-L with Western Plant Health. Thank you for the
24 opportunity to speak. This has been a long process and I'm
25 sure it'll continue to be a long as everybody continues to

1 discuss these issues. Want to say to start that we do
2 appreciate DPR has continued to limit this program to RUPs.
3 We think that is the most practical way to go at this time.
4 All programs need time to mature, and this is no different
5 than any other. We would prefer to see a program given time
6 to mature than see a crash at the beginning because you try
7 and overachieve and that never satisfies anybody in the
8 end. As far as the 24-hour and 48-hour as DPR itself stated
9 at the beginning, all RUPs undergo additional assessment
10 mitigations. They are safe to apply when you follow the
11 label because of the mitigations that are placed on them,
12 not only at the federal level but at the state and county
13 level, if necessary.

14 We are concerned -- continue to be concerned that
15 the 48-hour notification for fumigants is unnecessary
16 because mitigations are already in place for them. We are
17 concerned that by having this dual system of 24 hour and 48
18 hour, what you'll end up with is with 48 hours is confusion
19 with the public as you have growers having to notify and
20 cancel and then notify and potentially cancel again
21 depending on farming or environmental conditions at that
22 time. So we believe the 24-hour notification actually is
23 still adequate. We are continued to be opposed to public
24 disclosure of farm locations. DPR is going to be providing
25 spatial information. We believe that all Californians,

1 whether you're a farm worker or a farmer, have a right to
2 your privacy and your exact business location or farm
3 should not be disclosed. Finally, my last comment is, is
4 that we appreciate, and we continue to support DPR's
5 efforts to bring real factual education to the public on
6 the registration and use of pesticides in California.

7 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Renee.
8 Up next is Mechelle Perea and then after Mechelle will be
9 Martha Armas-Kelly.

10 MS. PEREA: Hello, my name is Mechelle Perea
11 Ryan, M-E-C-H-E-L-L-E P as in Paul, E-R-E-A R-Y-A-N and am
12 a nurse practitioner here in the Valley. I have been
13 supporting care here in the Valley for over 25 years and
14 I'm here to talk about public health and I understand that
15 we have regulations at this point in time to try and keep
16 our community safe, but we do know where there's
17 pesticides, there are exposures that happen when they're
18 not supposed to be and we know that there are higher health
19 risks in areas that have pesticides and so I appreciate
20 what you all are doing and also where you have progressed,
21 but we still need more. We need exact location.

22 And the reason for this is that one, we need to
23 be able to immediately respond when there is an exposure or
24 allow people to know what exactly in their vicinity they
25 have been exposed because we do know the closer you are to

1 the exposure, the higher risks you're going to have, the
2 higher risk of ill effects from the pesticide exposure and
3 it's important for us to know, I really appreciate that you
4 are at least doing the mile, but we need more. One of the
5 examples I gave is recently we've all talked about COVID,
6 we know about COVID. If I got a notification that somewhere
7 at my work someone had been exposed to COVID that wouldn't
8 help me understand my risks, but if I was told that someone
9 in the room that I was at or near my cubicle or any of
10 those types of things had COVID, then I would know that I
11 was at high risk and I would be watching for signs and
12 symptoms. I would be understanding or trying to prevent,
13 isolate myself.

14 And the same thing needs to happen with pesticide
15 exposure. We need to know exact location so that people,
16 our communities can take that information and do promotion
17 for their own health and prevention. Thank you.

18 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Alright, thank you
19 Mechelle.

20 Up next is Martha Armas-Kelly and then after
21 Martha will be Juan Hidalgo.

22 MS. ARMAS-KELLY: Good afternoon, Martha Armas-
23 Kelly, M-A-R-T-H-A A-R-M-A-S HYPHEN K-E-L-L-Y My reason to
24 be here is for many, many, many reasons, but namely because
25 I have a 90-year-old mother that has cancer lymphoma and

1 she was working in the fields most of her life and she was
2 with all the pesticides, all the runoff, anything that you
3 can imagine and we grew up in those fields in Merced,
4 California and when the planes would fly over and they
5 would spout the remains of whatever pesticide they were
6 spraying, we were unaware of what we were exposed to. The
7 theme that I want to add to this program that you're doing,
8 I'm excited that you're doing something that's proactive
9 for the community, but at the same time you need to include
10 information at a register where other folks can understand
11 when you are using words and terminology that are for
12 scientists as yourself, for the lay person in the
13 community, they need to know what they are up against.

14 They need to know what contamination is like,
15 what is drift? We don't talk about drift, but drift is very
16 important to understand when we're talking about
17 pesticides. One mile radius is not enough to understand the
18 ramifications. Not only just with our humans, our plants
19 that we consume later on, our animals that are out there
20 that we consume later on and we need to be aware of the
21 ramifications. We need to have a glossary of terms. These
22 glossary of terms need to be included. We need to know the
23 process or the atology of the information that's being
24 disseminated as far as how these diseases or contamination
25 can be affecting our bodies. What are the signs that we

1 need to look for if we are not cognizant of that
2 information, that information is held void and we ourselves
3 are exposed to more and more chemicals. And that saturation
4 includes the fact that we don't have enough buffer zones.
5 We need to know what kind of a nozzle they're using, what's
6 the dilution? And we're talking about 90, 80, 90-degree
7 weather. Right now we are looking at 110, so you know that
8 the volatility of those said pesticides foments with higher
9 temperatures and that's something we're not even talking
10 about. We need to include that information. Thank you.

11 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Martha. Okay,
12 it sounds like Juan is going to skip for now. Okay, our
13 next commenter is going to be Lilia Becerril, and then
14 after Lilia will be Francisco Diaz.

15 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

16 MS. BECERRIL: Good evening, everyone. My name is
17 Lilia Becerril, L-I-L-I-A B-E-C-E-R-R-I-L, and I live in
18 Fresno County. Congratulations for starting the first
19 pesticide warning system. It is a huge step forward for our
20 safety, but please make an important modification, exact
21 location. Living near the fields, we need to know exactly
22 where they're using these pesticides. That will help us
23 know when it is more important for us to take measures such
24 as closing our windows, bringing our clothes that we have
25 drying outside, inside and so on. It worries me that this

1 one-mile buffer will lead to receiving too many messages
2 about applications a mile away. Knowing the specific
3 location will help guarantee that our families at home, our
4 children and teachers at schools will be able to take the
5 necessary preventive measures that are truly effective. I
6 am a mother and I'm a friend of the community. I lead our
7 community, and I listen to their needs and one of their
8 concerns is the illnesses like ag worker children and the
9 elderly are suffering. I want you to consider disclosing
10 the exact location. We all want to live healthy and strong,
11 not sick, so we need to know exact location to achieve
12 that. Thank you.

13 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: (audio cut out) Diaz.
14 And then after Francisco will be Isabel Quinonez.

15 MR. DIAZ: Francisco Diaz, F-R-A-N-C-I-S-C-O D-I-
16 A-Z. Ladies and gentlemen, I'm here on behalf of the
17 California State LULAC, the oldest civil rights
18 organization. And in my professional working career I've
19 worked alongside local government, law enforcement and
20 military, and we use geographical data with the exact
21 location, both expensive and inexpensive. So I asked
22 myself, what is the hesitation to provide exact location?
23 Is it costs or politics? Now in my childhood, we were
24 literally sprayed by farmers with pesticides. Now at the
25 age of 37, thankfully, and thanks to God I haven't

1 developed any complications, but my neighbors were not so
2 fortunate.

3 And the truth of the matter is your partner state
4 agencies like the Highway Patrol, Office of Emergency
5 Services, the Secretary of State are already using
6 technology that provides direct notification based on
7 address, so it's not a cost issue. So I asked myself again,
8 what is the hesitation to provide exact location for the
9 use of pesticides? If it's not cost, it must be politics.
10 And I asked myself again, why are you hesitating to provide
11 this notification? Is it because you're hesitating to
12 provide and empower people with this information? What does
13 that empowerment do? Does it allow them to make better
14 decisions, better decisions about their family, their
15 children, and their communities? So once again, you're here
16 at it to make a decision and I implore you on behalf of the
17 California State LULAC that you provide exact address
18 locations where the pesticides are being provided. Thank
19 you.

20 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Francisco.
21 Okay, up next is Isabella Quinonez and then after Isabella
22 will be Brent Barton.

23 MS. QUINONEZ: Isabella Quinonez. I-S-A-B-E-L-L-A
24 Q-U-I-N-O-N-E-Z. Good evening. DPR staff and public. I
25 will try to keep my comments brief. I'm here on behalf of

1 the California Farm Bureau. We're very grateful for the
2 opportunity to continue the discussion around the NOI
3 system and we have actively engaged in this issue since its
4 proposal in November. Unfortunately, we have many of the
5 same concerns and we still do not agree that public
6 notification is necessary or increases overall safety to
7 the public. Our biggest concern is that repeated
8 notification of potential pesticide application can lead to
9 greater public confusion and fear around safety. Access to
10 pending applications outside of a one-mile radius serves no
11 public or individual benefit, but rather instigates
12 unnecessary fear or apathy from repeated notifications that
13 could be hundreds or thousands of miles away. We agree that
14 it is very reasonable for notification to include active
15 ingredients, permit and county number application date
16 range and relevant label information, but should not
17 include acres applied. If the Department's intent is to
18 truly provide greater transparency and a public right to
19 know that intention should not discriminate between the
20 agricultural acreage and elsewhere.

21 We believe that the State and therefore the
22 Department has a fundamental duty to protect ag employees
23 and their family's sensitive information while upholding
24 transparency, human and environmental protection. Farmers
25 and applicators who would be subject to notification are

1 reasonably concerned that applicator specific information
2 could be found by activists to motivate protest events, on-
3 farm trespass, provide personally identifying information
4 to the public or encourage significant appeals of NOIs. If
5 DPR cannot scientifically validate what health protective
6 behavior should result following notification and if there
7 is no difference in health impacts between an immediate
8 neighbor and a one mile away, then the risk of identifying
9 the site of application is too great. Therefore, we
10 encourage the regulation to again, not specify acreage
11 covered as we do believe that though there is no inclusion
12 of address in rural areas, specifically -- applicator
13 specific information can be found. We also encourage
14 dedicating additional state and county resources not to
15 managing the system and concerns and instead should be
16 spent on additional safety enforcement. We hope to continue
17 these discussions as we approach the first quarter '25 and
18 we appreciate your time and consideration. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Isabella.
20 Okay, up next is Brent Barton and after Brent will be
21 Alicia Ureno and Maya Ureno.

22 MR. BARTON: Hi, I'm Brent Barton, B-R-E-N-T B-A-
23 R-T-O-N. Hola. Mi llamo es Brent Barton, and at this point
24 mercifully, I'll stop trying to speak the beautiful Spanish
25 language. I'm a farmer and a farm worker. I work right

1 alongside with the wonderful people that I get to work
2 with, and I am so deeply appreciative of the people I get
3 to work with. Our approach to pest management, like most
4 farmers, is we hate spraying. It's going to be my last
5 resort, so I'm going to pour in as much effort as I can to
6 trapping, using good beneficial insects if they're
7 available, allowing them time to take sanitation. And when
8 it's spray time, it's spray time. I've exhausted every last
9 opportunity and it's go time. We have to go now. This
10 regulation strikes me as one more of by a thousand cuts,
11 which we are really good at in California, and so just
12 simple economics says if we keep doing this, we're going to
13 export our jobs and our farms and produce to areas of the
14 world (audio cut out) cheaper and easier to grow the food,
15 enjoy. Central and South America, Asia, Vietnam, places
16 like that, and that would just be a tragedy, the loss of
17 jobs, the loss of farm work, and the loss of the care for
18 the land.

19 I would never, ever, ever want to see any harm
20 come to the people that I get to work alongside with. I
21 know that every other farmer feels this way nor my
22 customers, the people who buy the food that we grow
23 together, nor my neighbors nor the environment. Thank you.

24 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Brent.
25 Up next is Alicia Ureno and Maya Ureno and then after

1 Alicia and Maya will be M. Isabel Ramirez.

2 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

3 MS. SANCHEZ URENO: Good evening. My name is
4 Alicia Sanchez Ureno. Married to Mr. Sanchez. I'm from
5 Merced County, invited for the first time by my daughter
6 Hilda Ureno and I am wanting to give my testimony. In May,
7 I was exposed to a very strong pesticide. I felt very ill.
8 I get dizzy, I feel nauseated, and I've been feeling sick
9 lately. This is lately, but in previous years we also lived
10 in the field. We've always lived in agricultural areas, and
11 they used to use very strong pesticides and it has been
12 affecting us all of this time, all of these years I feel
13 dizzy, I feel sick, I haven't been able to get better and
14 those pesticides, as I said, it was in the month of May,
15 they sprayed in the month of May. I was outside doing work
16 around the house and that has affected me tremendously.
17 Even this afternoon when I was going up the stairs, I kind
18 of lost my balance. I thought I was passing out. I haven't
19 been okay. I'm very happy to see that there is this
20 organization, and I hope that this isn't the first time
21 that I'm here amongst all of you and I hope that there is
22 exact location that is notified. Thank you so much.

23 MS. URENO: My name is Maya Ureno. And I'm from
24 Turlock, and if you guys are going to spend the money on
25 doing a system, might as well just do it right. It's quite

1 interesting because the location that you guys have on the
2 video, one university circle, that's the university
3 address. That's what I work. If something happens anywhere
4 in the University, we get a text message with the exact
5 location. We're not guessing where things are happening and
6 so moving forward, I mean it's not very effective what you
7 guys are doing with this app. I mean it's great. That's a
8 good start, but it's not really looking into the landscape
9 that is going to be 10, 15, 20 years. The agricultural land
10 and the housing is just going to continue to mix with each
11 other and as the housing issues increase here in
12 California, we're going to see that more and more. I know
13 that a lot of people are concerned about privacy when we
14 have exact location, but honestly we are providing all this
15 information, not you provide this information, you're just
16 providing a resource for the person who's nearby to protect
17 themselves with exact location. We're not trying to go
18 after you because you're doing your job. We know you're
19 feeding California and the United States. We want things to
20 be safer. However, by not providing an exact location, you
21 are not making it safe, and it doesn't make any sense to
22 spend all this money, all this time, all this effort,
23 include all these people and not do it right. So exact
24 location.

25 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you.

1 Okay, up next is Raul Garcia, and then after Raul
2 will be Jessica Gonzalez. Oh, I'm sorry.

3 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

4 MS. RAMIREZ: Good afternoon. My name is Isabel,
5 and I am from Monterey County and as Yanely Martinez, my
6 coworker said, no mother should have to go through
7 something like that. No mother should have a special needs
8 child. No child should have problems breathing. No child
9 would have problems learning. Years ago I had my son who
10 was 24 or maybe who was 24 now I lived in Watsonville. I
11 lived close to the field and my child is special. He's 24
12 now. He has autism. He has asthma. A few years ago some
13 attorneys contacted me because they were suing the
14 pesticide manufacturers for millions of dollars because
15 there are hundreds or thousands of children that are
16 special children because they lived close to the fields
17 because their parents worked in the fields, or they were in
18 contact with someone who worked in the fields. My husband
19 worked in the fields, and I lived right in the middle of
20 the fields and the chemical substance that was sprayed at
21 that time damaged all of those children and my child, my
22 son was one of them.

23 \$300 million was what a judge ruled was to be
24 awarded to those children. It can't be a coincidence that
25 all of these children were children of field workers or

1 lived close to the fields. We need to know the exact
2 location, not so that we live in fear. Someone said here
3 today, not so that we live in fear, but so that we can take
4 care of ourselves, our family, our grandchildren, the
5 children that are going to be the future generations
6 students. Everyone is in constant danger. We live in a
7 community and communities that are surrounded by
8 agricultural fields that are being sprayed continuously and
9 all we're asking is to know where they sprayed so that
10 we're not there so that we don't go there. Thank you.

11 MR. GARCIA: Hello. Hello, hello. My name is Raul
12 Garcia. This is R-A-U-L G-A-R-C-I-A. I come from
13 Porterville, California and I'm a community organizer with
14 Californians for Pesticide Reform in Tulare County. I came
15 here to voice my support for the exact location. This is
16 something that the communities in all over the state of
17 California, from Fresno County down to current to LA the
18 Bay have all been asking for. This is something that we
19 feel is more like it's just necessary. We're not doing
20 this. We want to make villains out of the people that own
21 the land, that grow the food. This is more just so that we
22 can have make informed decisions about ourselves and our
23 families and our lives. I know a lot of from what I've
24 heard from other farmers and growers is that they do this.
25 Then it's going to the cost and the pressures and all these

1 other things that go into the cost of business.

2 When it comes to agriculture here, the margins
3 aren't very big, but the margins for us aren't very big
4 either since our health is on the line as well. For them
5 it's your money and your lifestyle, but for me it is
6 literally my life, and I get it, man. It's a tough world,
7 man, but you know what? At the end of the day I see that
8 we're on the same side. We're all out here trying to grow
9 our lives, make a living, and we have special, really
10 powerful special money interests forcing us to make
11 decisions that we know we normally wouldn't make because
12 we're put in situations where we have to do things like pay
13 the bills or to handle some sort of emergency, and I feel
14 like it sort of pins us against each other because our
15 competing interest, our same interests have competing ways
16 to get to it. With this exact location, our residents will
17 be able to take some of that information and really fight
18 and advocate for the interest that benefit them. Thank you.

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

20 Up next is Jessica -- Jessica Gonzalez and then
21 after Jessica will be Laura Plascencia.

22 MS. GONZALEZ: Hello, my name is Jessica
23 Gonzalez. I'm from Watsonville and I'm also part of the
24 Future Leaders of Change. I wanted to start off by saying
25 that the notification system is a step that you guys are

1 taking to talk about the pesticides, but there's so much
2 that still needs to be done. Why isn't DPR going to these
3 fields and giving information to the farm workers? The ones
4 working where these pesticides are being sprayed? Also,
5 reminder that English and Spanish aren't the only
6 languages. Add other native languages so that many can't
7 (sic) understand the dangers of how pesticides are. We want
8 exact location to know exactly where the pesticides are
9 used so we can take actions where we need to stay safe.
10 Thank you.

11 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Jessica.

12 Okay, next is Laura Plascencia, and then after
13 Laura will be Roberta Meneses, Roberta Meneses.

14 MS. PLASCENIA: All right, well, hello. Good
15 afternoon. My name is Laura Plascencia, and I am a resident
16 of Stanislaus County and a community organizer with Valley
17 Improvement Projects, a nonprofit here in Stanislaus
18 County. I want to say we are grateful for the advancements
19 in the statewide pesticide notification system. And we are
20 thankful for the efforts in this advancement. California's
21 leading all of these efforts in transparency and
22 accessibility regarding pesticide use, and we are proud of
23 that, but we are not at the finish line because we continue
24 to hear from our community's needs for better protections.
25 The town of Grayson in our county participated in one of

1 the beta tests. The community was able to test its use and
2 see its benefits, but they voiced the importance of exact
3 location.

4 Community needs exact location for the utmost
5 protection, especially for the most marginalized
6 communities who live, work or go to school and area
7 surrounded by agricultural fields. Knowing the exact
8 location of pesticide applications is crucial and not
9 knowing this information places a large burden on these
10 communities, leaving them at high risk. Considering
11 pesticides are used year-round, having only a one square
12 mile radius notification does not provide sufficient
13 information for most impacted community members to take the
14 proactive measures to protect themselves. These measures
15 include personal protective actions like using proper
16 scheduling and adjusting walking routes as one square mile
17 can be significant on foot precise locations and help with
18 ventilation and taking shelter such as closing windows and
19 using moving indoors and after pesticide applications to
20 avoid inhaling airborne chemicals. Additionally, farm
21 workers who are exposed can implement better practices by
22 taking these extra safety protections.

23 Lastly, I just want to express my dissatisfaction
24 with the named SprayDays. These are restricted chemicals,
25 many of which are cancerogenic, and I do not agree with the

1 name that downplays the severity and the need for safety
2 concerns associated with these toxic substances. The term
3 days also misrepresents the actual use of pesticides, which
4 occurs year-round. I suggest renaming it to the pesticide
5 notification system to better reflect the program and avoid
6 confusion. Thank you.

7 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Jessica.

8 Okay, up next is Laura Plascencia, and then --
9 that was Laura. Sorry, Laura.

10 Up next is Roberta Meneses, and then after
11 Roberta is Sandra Martinez.

12 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

13 MS. MENESES: Good evening. My name is Roberta
14 Meneses. I'm here from Fresno. I would like to ask you to
15 strengthen the project, the regulatory process for this
16 statewide notification system so that you include the exact
17 location of pesticide application that are planned
18 beforehand. They are applied close to me, and I would like
19 to know every day when there has been spraying close to me
20 so I can adopt additional protective measures on those
21 days. I'd like to know the exact location so that I can
22 adopt precautions. I can do this on a day-to-day basis if I
23 have to. If I don't have the exact location, I can't
24 imagine what my future will be like. The neighbors, you, in
25 all directions, north, southeast, west, may end up in a

1 hospital, may have to be on a ventilator because you can't
2 breathe on your own. That is hugely dangerous.

3 Many of us don't have health insurance and going
4 to a hospital is extremely expensive. A ventilator for us
5 is something that we can't pay, and our life is priceless.
6 If we had the exact location, the situation would be
7 different. You know that when you are on a ventilator, this
8 shortens your life and if you have to use medication to
9 help you breathe, that shortens your life. I can't imagine
10 having to run to the hospital or my neighbor to the
11 hospital because he or she can't breathe. We need to be
12 able to breathe. We need the exact location. Thank you.

13 (audio cut out)

14 MS. MARTINEZ: S-A-N-D-R-A M-A-R-T-I-N-E-Z. So I
15 am here asking about exact location, and I come from two
16 perspective. First, I am a nurse, more than 30 years, and I
17 convey the concerns from my fellow colleagues that says
18 that we know that those over time is what impacts a health
19 person related to pesticides, so it makes sense that we
20 have exact location because the closer you are to the point
21 where you got sprayed, the chances you are that you over
22 time are going to develop some symptoms, and as a
23 healthcare provider, sometimes you get faced with typical
24 symptoms that is very easy to identify the disease. Other
25 times, if you are grasping at straws, trying to figure out

1 lab work after lab work and more burden on the person
2 trying to come back for more visits, but if you knew that
3 they were exposed to certain pesticides, you were able to
4 hone out autoimmune, certain cancers, cognitive whatever,
5 so that is from a healthcare provider and public safety,
6 which I believe you, the Department, you should be focused
7 public safety, that exact location is relevant.

8 Now, on a personal note, I live -- my home, my
9 backyard hits lots of acreage fields where they grow crops.
10 I'm talking 10 feet from here to you. That is where the
11 field starts. I need to know exact location because I open
12 my windows at night. Now, I've learned since then that
13 sometimes growers spray at night or early in the morning,
14 and so it will be nice for me to know, oh, I close my
15 windows. Oh, you know what? My kids cannot play out there.
16 Whatever it is, it empowers me. It protects me. I
17 appreciate that from you guys, and it has regarding the
18 concern about privacy that someone said here to me, why
19 don't you wait to see if that happens instead of saying no
20 to this before it happens, because I guarantee you we're
21 not after the farmers we're after knowing the information
22 to protect ourselves. Thank you so much.

23 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Sandra.

24 Okay, up next is Bianca Lopez, and then after
25 Bianca is Miriam Ureno.

1 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

2 MS. LOPEZ: What do we want? The exact location.

3 (IN ENGLISH)

4 Unfortunately, people who are English only do not
5 have headsets here today to be able to understand the
6 stories that are being told here, but the Spanish speakers
7 who don't speak English have their hearing sets on and they
8 do hear what the farmers are saying. I am here to demand
9 exact location. I'm here to demand exact location because
10 without location we are still left in the dark and as I
11 believe some other speaker said something about if you
12 continued with this notification system that it would only
13 cause fear. Well, we already live in fear. Okay? If you
14 don't provide us with exact location, we will continue to
15 live in fear because it does matter if the notification or
16 the application is in my backyard or in fact a mile away,
17 we already know because we are surrounded by agricultural
18 fields that somewhere within a mile or even beyond and much
19 closer, we are overwhelmed with pesticide use specifically
20 in the Central Valley.

21 We already live in fear that we are being exposed
22 to pesticides that are very carcinogenic and cause other
23 health effects. This is a health issue. I am here to demand
24 exact location. I am also very concerned about the intended
25 application or the proposed application. We need follow up

1 in this notification system. You must include what actually
2 happened or else we will continue to be in the dark. We
3 need exact location. The farmers do not have a right to
4 privacy. Every detail in the NOI is a public record. I also
5 demand that the notification system include every single
6 detail in the notice of intent. We know you can provide
7 what exact location. What do we want? Exact location.

8 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

9 Can we? Yes, we can. Yes, we can because a people
10 united will never be defeated. Can we? Yes, we can. And
11 what do we want? We want exact location.

12 (IN ENGLISH)

13 What do we want? Exact location. When do we want
14 it? Now. What do we want? Exact location. When do we want
15 it? Now.

16 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Bianca.

17 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

18 MS. LOPEZ: A united people will never be
19 defeated.

20 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Miriam Ureno and after
21 Miriam, we're going to go with Rocio Madrigal.

22 MS. MIRIAM URENO: I was going to allow my mom --

23 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Oh, okay.

24 MS. MIRIAM URENO: The two minutes, but then you
25 guys gave me the two minutes --

1 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay.

2 MS. MIRIAM URENO: So yes, thank you.

3 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, no problem. Okay
4 Rocio Madrigal and after that is Rocio Ortiz.

5 (OFF MIC CONVERSATION)

6 Oh, okay. That might've been it. Okay. Sorry
7 Rocio, go ahead.

8 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

9 MS. MADRIGAL: Good afternoon, everyone. As
10 Bianca just said, I guess we have to speak English to them
11 because otherwise they're not understanding us, but we are
12 understanding them even though they're speaking English.

13 (IN ENGLISH)

14 But it is a shame that you have to resort to lies
15 of applicators being harassed and people going into private
16 property because if that happened they'd be arrested,
17 they'd be on the news. We want to know where those hundreds
18 of people that are trespassing when you tell us there's a
19 pesticide in your field, we don't want to be anywhere near
20 it. We want to protect our children. If you're parents,
21 your children, you would want to protect them, too. The sad
22 part is all of these things have drift, are also go into
23 the water and we as a nonprofit, and I'm sorry I was so
24 emotional. I'm from Central California Environmental
25 Justice Network and we have taken state officials as well

1 as federal officials to Kern, to Fresno to show you the
2 disgusting oil filled water that is then used to water your
3 food on top of the feces that your food has because
4 contractors do not want to pay for clean restrooms and do
5 not have the antibiotic soap that they're supposed to have.

6 I'm sorry, antibacterial soap that they're
7 supposed to have for the farm workers that I report every
8 week and I've been doing lots of reports because they also
9 don't get shade, and they also don't get water. The laws
10 that are supposed to be taking place do not take place. Our
11 families are dying. I have a mother, a widow of three in
12 Madera, who now has long-term lung failure, but she is too
13 afraid to report where it happened for fear that she will
14 lose her job. It is no secret. Our workers are
15 undocumented. Our workers are uneducated. And, yes, they do
16 the work to feed the world to make some very wealthy. But
17 they live in fear because on top of the pesticide, if they
18 report at the local level, they will be blackballed and
19 they will not have a job. In Cantua, we did a report where
20 animals died because the aerial pesticides came and hit and
21 landed on the food for rabbits and cats and so they died.
22 We die slowly, not like the animals, but we do. Thank you.

23 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Rocio, we need to move
24 on to the next person. Can you come back after we do the
25 other ones and finish?

1 MS. MARTINEZ: One more thing. I don't want to
2 take other people's time, but one more thing. As somebody
3 said here and working with people who know about
4 pesticides, it is a tool, but for too long that tool has
5 been used excessively for too long we have been left in the
6 dark. While we don't want to die anymore, our families have
7 already died. Our children are sick, we are tired, and it
8 is a shame that some people here and as we say in Spanish,
9 but it's very sad that we have token employees that know
10 the realities, sit there, get their paycheck and do
11 nothing.

12 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you. Oh,
13 okay. Up next is Rocio Ortiz and then after Rocio will be
14 Octaviana Gonzalez.

15 MS. ORTIZ: Hello everyone, and I am here. My
16 name is Rosie Ortiz, and I come from Watsonville,
17 California and I'm here to represent thousands of other
18 people who were not able to be here and are afraid to speak
19 up. I am here because living near fields, we really need to
20 know exactly where pesticides are used. That will help us
21 know when it's most important and useful for us to take
22 action. Like shutting windows, bringing clothes inside that
23 are outside hanging. I worry that the proposed system, the
24 one mile by one mile section, we might get too many
25 messages about applications that might be as far as one

1 mile away. Having a specific location information will help
2 make sure our families at home and our kids and teachers at
3 school can take needed protective actions that are actually
4 effective.

5 We could avoid lots of things. For example, what
6 happened to Victor or what happened to other people that
7 have mentioned their testimony? Those things can be avoided
8 by putting exact location and how many other people have
9 mentioned that if you're going to do something, why not do
10 it right and you have the money and you have the power to
11 do it, so why not do it? And other people also mentioned
12 this is environmental racism because it is only happening
13 in Mexican American communities, and I just think that is
14 so unfair for the children and for other generations that
15 are to come. I demand exact location for all those people
16 who live near fields. Thank you so much.

17 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Rocio.

18 Okay, up next is Octaviana Gonzalez, and then
19 after that we're going to have a group.

20 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

21 MS. GONZALEZ: Good evening. My name is Octaviana
22 Gonzalez, O-C-T-A-V-I-A-N-A. Gonzalez, G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z. I'm
23 here from Fresno. I'm very happy to see this plan having to
24 do with pesticide notification. I would like to ask that
25 you improve it by including the exact address of the

1 pesticide application. I want to keep my community, my
2 family safe from these chemicals especially because at my
3 daughter's school, my daughter's school is very close to
4 the fields and sometimes when I go I can smell. I can smell
5 the chemicals from the pesticides, and I would like to
6 protect my community and I want to advocate in favor of my
7 community. We need exact location. Thank you. Thank you,
8 Octavania.

9 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: (audio cut out) Flores,
10 Africa Torres, Areani Alva.

11 (OFF MIC COLLUQUOY)

12 MS. GUTIERREZ: My name is Emily Flores
13 Gutierrez. I am in second grade at Wilson Elementary
14 School. I'm here -- I'm here to tell you that we need the
15 exact location -- location. This will help my body grow
16 healthy by keeping me safe. My parents be informed to take
17 me to the park. And do not want to be harmed by pesticide.
18 We want the exact location. Thank you.

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

20 MS. GUTIERREZ: My name is Emma Flores Gutierrez.
21 I'm nine. I'm nine years old, a student at Wilson
22 Elementary. I am concerned about the pesticide
23 identification plan that I want you to address before
24 implementing the statewide notification system. We need the
25 exact location. I want my family to be notified because

1 this is chemicals are harmful to me, my siblings and other
2 kids. We deserve a good air quality and free pesticides.
3 It's your job to keep all children safe. Thank you.

4 MS. TORRES-MARTINEZ: Hi, my name is Africa
5 Torres Martinez. I live in Griffith, California. I do ask
6 that you make it better by adding the exact location
7 address of the fields where you are going to apply the
8 pesticides. I want to keep my family away from that field,
9 but I can't tell where it is with your plan. Thank you.

10 MS. ALVA: My name is Areani Alva. I am 10 years
11 old. I'm a student at Jackson Elementary. I'm here to tell
12 you why I want the exact location. Because I suffer from
13 asthma and not knowing the exact location will trigger my
14 asthma. It causes my chest to hurt. I want to be notified
15 when there's chemicals being released in the field next to
16 my home.

17 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

18 HEIDI: My name is Heidi and I'm seven years old.
19 My family and I want to be notified about the exact
20 location because in that way we would be safer. My health
21 is important for my family. Don't we, the children, have a
22 right to have the exact location?

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I want to exact
24 location.

25 (AUDIENCE CALL BACK CHANT)

1 Yes, we can.

2 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you.

3 Okay, up next is Cristina Gonzalez and then after
4 Cristina we have Andrew Genasci.

5 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

6 MS. GONZALEZ: Good evening. My name is Cristina
7 Gonzalez. C-R-I-S-T-I-N-A. Gonzalez. G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z. I'm
8 here from Madera County where thousands of farm workers,
9 field workers live. I am here to represent my whole
10 community, and I think that it's a shame that we don't have
11 interpreters in English for those people up front. We can
12 hear things in Spanish, but they can't understand what we
13 are representing here. I suffer from asthma because of all
14 the pesticides that are produced in these fields. I worked
15 in tomato, broccoli, lettuce, pepper, cherry, blueberry
16 fields and lately I've been working and working, working
17 with figs and all of the pesticides that are sprayed around
18 my house affect me and my family. I have two different
19 inhalers, one for every day and one in case of emergencies.
20 When I'm out there in the fields I have had asthma attacks
21 while I'm working in the fields because of all of the
22 chemicals that are being sprayed on these plants and
23 agriculture. And it's difficult because we in Madera don't
24 have a hospital right there. It's still yet to open. So I
25 have to go all the way to Fresno County and sometimes the

1 hospital is very full. We have to spend hours and hours
2 before someone will see us. And it's true we have the
3 inhalers, but our concern is for the future of our kids and
4 our families because we can't breathe. So we need to know
5 exact location. Also at work, the ranchers pay a person to
6 give us information, give us the farm workers information
7 supposedly. But it so happens that when we're out there
8 working, if I am picking let's say cherries, we have an
9 almond block or a grape block in the next field over and
10 they're spraying pesticides and what happens, their weeds
11 die, but we have to breathe in all of that sulfur, all
12 those chemicals. So those pesticides and the ranch bosses
13 just say, oh, it's not that strong. You can keep working,
14 but we get nausea and vomiting and headaches and if we
15 already have asthma our body can't resist as well. So the
16 air quality is very poor. It's very polluted. There are a
17 lot of chemicals, a lot of pesticides. Thank you Cristina.
18 Thank you. And we need exact location, please. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Next is Andrew Genasci.
20 I hope I just said it right.

21 MR. GENASCI: Nope. (LAUGHTER)

22 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: And then after Andrew is
23 Cristina Gutierrez.

24 MR. GENASCI: Okay, thank you. My name is Andrew
25 Genasci. No worries. A-N-D-R-E-W G-E-N-A-S-C-I. So I will

1 say that there seems to be quite a bit of misunderstanding
2 of the existing rules. I've heard a number of times schools
3 mentioned when there's already existing rules to prevent
4 the use of pesticides during school hours and also during
5 school activities that are already on the books and being
6 enforced now. So I'm a little confused on that, why that is
7 an issue. Restricted materials only, I support that. I
8 believe those are the materials that should be covered in
9 this. Having that and having the 24-hour, I support that.
10 The one-mile zone, I support. I have some concern with this
11 idea that application equals exposure. That every
12 application results in an exposure to people when if these
13 products are applied in the way they're legally mandated to
14 be applied, to the way that both the owner and the employer
15 are trained, an employee are trained to apply them, there
16 should not be an exposure.

17 Last their Spanish translation. I've been
18 listening to every Spanish speaker here. I'm not fluent in
19 Spanish a little bit from my time at the dairy, but there
20 is Spanish translation. I've been listening to that all
21 night long here. And so with that, oh, also there was a
22 question about that a speaker felt that there is no
23 trespassing and that isn't an issue. I will say that one of
24 our first speakers, one of his issues was he wanted exact
25 location so that he could walk across people's property and

1 that hey, it's okay. That's just what I like to do. So the
2 trespassing already happening with or without the
3 notification and so I think just the idea that that is not
4 happening as was disproven by our own speakers here, that
5 there is trespassing happening and they're potentially
6 exposing themselves to products that they shouldn't be.

7 Thank you.

8 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you, Andrew.

9 Up next is Cristina Gutierrez and then after
10 Cristina is Santiago Torres.

11 MS. CRISTINA GUTIERREZ: Cristina Gutierrez with
12 CPR. C-R-I-S-T-I-N-A, Gutierrez, G-U-T-I-E-R-R-E-Z. Thank
13 you. So I heard a few comments here and one of them was
14 it's not necessary exact location. Exact location, it's
15 necessary. As a mom, I come here to tell you it's necessary
16 because I need to know when and what is being -- my kids
17 are being exposed. These are my kids. These are the kids
18 that I have to keep safe from environment for anything.
19 That's my job as a mother, but yet I come here to hear it's
20 not necessary. Are these your kids? Do you have any
21 grandkids? Do you have any siblings, any family members,
22 any little ones that we have to protect? I do. I want the
23 exact location. It is important for me to know the exact
24 location. I have family members. I have an uncle that lives
25 in the farm, and he works there, and he has Parkinson and

1 yet health-wise, no one can help him.

2 He lives there. He depends on his job, but yet he
3 suffers from health issues, and he knows that pesticides
4 that he's being given to put in the farm have been harmful
5 to his body and to his health. I also have an aunt that was
6 born with health issues and she was given a compensation
7 due to that when she was little there was a fight due to
8 the pesticides were given over by Mendota, I believe, and
9 this was money that was given to her, but at the moment
10 she's on her fifties and she depends on someone to take
11 care of her. I don't want that to my kids. I don't want my
12 grandkids to grow with health disabilities or health
13 problems. I need them to have a good health. This is what
14 I'm here for and I had them, and I brought them to this
15 world, making sure that I'll give them the best that I can
16 and the best that I can is to make sure that I come and
17 stand here and tell you guys that exact location is
18 necessary. We read a lot of labels of what we feed our
19 kids, and we try to give them the best we can. I have a
20 fourth grader, second grader, one that hasn't even started,
21 a 1-year-old and we need the exact location for these kids,
22 for all of our kids, not only for my family. We need the
23 exact location.

24 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you, Cristina.

25 Okay, up next is Santiago Torres. Is Santiago --

1 Okay.

2 MR. TORRES: Good evening, everyone. My name is
3 Santiago Torres. I am a co-founder of the Future Leaders of
4 Change. I come from Greenfield, California. I want to start
5 off by saying my family lives in an agricultural area and
6 knowing where pesticides are used is very important for my
7 safety, my family's safety and my community's safety. But I
8 am worried the system isn't going to be good enough.
9 General location information might overwhelm us with too
10 many notifications, making it hard to know which warnings
11 to focus on. Please make sure the system identifies exact
12 field locations so we know when it will help our family to
13 take safety steps. Thank you.

14 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you,
15 Santiago. Up next is Angel Garcia.

16 MR. GARCIA: Good evening and thank you for the
17 opportunity to make a public comment. DPR staff has stated
18 in the past that the purpose of the pesticide application
19 notification system is to bring equitable and transparent
20 public access to information. I'm still trying to find that
21 equitable part, but also it's more specifically a
22 transparent part. Having a one square mile is not
23 accessible enough for community members that live
24 throughout rural and agricultural regions in California. I
25 think it's also very important to highlight the fact that

1 we have people coming across different parts of the state,
2 making the trip here, making the journey despite the
3 intense heat that we are experiencing to make it noted that
4 exact location needs to be included as part of the system.
5 Also, would like to comment on the fact that there are
6 studies that point to the fact that location does matter.
7 For example, the UC Berkeley CHAMACOS study has highlighted
8 and illustrated that toddlers living within 200 feet of
9 organophosphate insecticide applications actually were most
10 highly exposed children in that longitudinal study. So it's
11 really important that we follow the science and the science
12 is there, but also to listen to the overwhelming public
13 process. And that process has really highlighted, uplifted
14 and reiterated, reemphasized the importance of exact
15 location. And, briefly earlier someone said that if there
16 are too many rules, then jobs are going to go away. Well,
17 who's working those jobs? Who's working those jobs? We are.
18 I have roots in a small town from the Sierra, so I won't
19 give up. Let's do this.

20 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: I just want to double
21 check. Did Heidi and Jayleen come up already? Did you guys
22 do your comment? No. Okay. Heidi or Jayleen can come up.

23 JAYLEEN: Hi, my name is Jayleen, J-A-Y-L-E-E-N.
24 And I want the exact location because I want to protect
25 myself and others. Also, I go to a school that is close to

1 the fields and where pesticide is being sprayed and that
2 could affect everybody. This is why we need the exact
3 location of pesticide because I want to know where and when
4 I can be affected by the pesticide and some people at my
5 school have asthma and being close to the fields and that
6 can affect them and everybody else too. Thank you.

7 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you Jayleen.

8 Okay, at this time if anybody else wants to make
9 a comment, please sign up. We still have some time.

10 (AUDIENCE CHANTING IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH)

11 What do we want? Exact location. When do we want
12 it? Now. What do we want? Exact location. When do we want
13 it? Now.

14 MS. TORRES: Good evening. My name is Camila
15 Torres. C-A-M-I-L-A T-O, two R's and E-S. I live in
16 Greenfield, California. I call on you to create a fully
17 transparent pesticide notification system where upcoming
18 pesticides application information is available to all
19 including the exact location of the application site. I
20 want to know where the pesticides are being applied so I
21 can avoid that area and to tell my family members and
22 community so they can avoid that area. Thank you. And also
23 why'd you pick SprayDays? There's other names too.

24 MS. RANGEL: Hello, my name is Alexia Rangel, A-
25 L-E-X-I-A R-A-N-G-E-L. I am a co-founder for Future Leaders

1 of Change, and I am from Greenfield. You have made an
2 historic first step toward pesticide application
3 transparency, so please don't waste it. We need the exact
4 location of pesticide applications in California without
5 that addition to the current proposal. I fear the system
6 will not be useful for residents like me and farm worker
7 communities. We need exact location, and we want it now. We
8 are tired of waiting. We refuse to wait any longer. We are
9 here to fight for our basic rights. Thank you.

10 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you.

11 Is there anyone else who wishes to make a public
12 comment?

13 MS. VILLASENOR: Hello, my name is Marta and do I
14 have to say that last V-I-L-L-A-S-E-N-O-R. In my community,
15 our kids from the community, they go to school and there's
16 a ranch right there. So we do need to know where they're
17 going to spray because I have to. It's my right to tell
18 them that they're going to spray. That way the kids won't
19 get sick. Come on. We need to know where it's located. We
20 have the right to know because what you guys are doing or I
21 don't know who's doing it's wrong because if it was your
22 kids and going to that school, you have to right to know.
23 So we need to know, and we need it now.

24 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Thank you. Anyone else
25 want to provide a comment?

1 (AUDIENCE CHANTING IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH)

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: End systemic racism. Stop
3 the pesticide secrecy. Exact location. How many comments
4 need to be made about exact location for you to hear us?
5 How many comments do we need to make about exact location
6 for you to give us exact location? Preach it.

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: How many people need
8 to come to the mic to demand exact location before you give
9 us exact location? That is enough. Two years pilot
10 programs, better testing, no location. Shitty notification
11 system. What is notification without location? It's a waste
12 of time and it is a waste of money. What do we want? Exact
13 location. When do we want it? Now. What do we want? Exact
14 location. When do we want it? Now.

15 How many people need to come to the podium to
16 demand exact location before you give it to us? Enough
17 considerations for the farmers. Please consider our health.
18 Consider our farm workers. Consider our children. Consider
19 our lives. We matter, too.

20 (LEADING AUDIENCE CHANTING IN SPANISH)

21 (VIA TRANSLATOR)

22 The people united will never be defeated. What do
23 we want? Justice? An exact location, an exact location is
24 justice

25 And justice looks like exact location.

1 (AUDIENCE CHANTING IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH)

2 What do we want? Exact location. When do we want
3 it? Now. What do we want? Exact location. When do we want
4 it? Now. What do we want? Exact location. When do we want
5 it. Now. Because the people united will never be defeated.
6 Stop racism.

7 I'll turn it over to someone else.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER 2: (audio cut out)
9 speaking in the podium. How are you going to be speaking
10 with us? You're only speaking a Filipinos and not speaking
11 with you guys. But us, our Filipino are more hard worker
12 than anyone here. And we're never been standing up and you
13 never hear. Only Latinos are hearing because they're
14 standing up. We are family here. Latinos and Filipinos are
15 together to standing up and you need to listen to us. Our
16 need, our location.

17 HEARING OFFICER CORREA: Okay, thank you. Let the
18 record reflect that there are no more individuals who are
19 interested in making a public comment here. Okay. I would
20 like to thank you all for attending this hearing. We will
21 officially conclude the hearing and go off record. Thank
22 you.

23 (WHEREUPON THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED)

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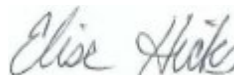
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