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New Chlorpyrifos Special Permit Restrictions

California Citrus Industry:

The California Citrus Quality Council (CCQC) is contacting the industry about permitting changes for the use of chlorpyrifos (Lorsban®) that are proposed for implementation on Jan. 1, 2019. Last week, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) announced that it was "recommending" new interim restrictions on the use of chlorpyrifos. According to CDPR, county agricultural commissioners will decide whether to implement the following restrictions:

- Banning all aerial applications of chlorpyrifos
- Restricting the chlorpyrifos use to ant control for citrus
- Requiring a quarter-mile buffer zone during all allowed applications and for 24 hours afterwards.
- Requiring a 150-foot setback from houses, businesses, schools and other sensitive sites at all times, regardless of whether the site is occupied at the time of application.
- The size of an application block can't exceed 40 acres in a 24 hour period

CDPR's news release said the new permitting measures will provide increased protections from potential exposure to chlorpyrifos while DPR completes a formal regulatory process to list chlorpyrifos as a "toxic air contaminant" and develops permanent restrictions on its use. Chlorpyrifos stakeholders have criticized CDPR's risk assessment process as overly conservative and generating assessments that exaggerate the risk. CDPR has generally ignored industry input while adding restrictions that all but eliminate its use.

Attached for your information is specific information on the restrictions.

Please contact me by phone at (530) 885-1894 or via email at jcranney@ccqc.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

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