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NOTICE TO GROWERS AND FARM LABOR CONTRACTORS FREE FIELDWORKER TRAINING

We will be providing four fieldworker training sessions during March 2017 free of charge. **This is fieldworker training, not pesticide handler training.** Please do not send your pesticide handlers. Individuals currently documented as trained pesticide handlers pursuant to Title 3 of California Code of Regulations (3CCR) section 6724 are considered trained for purposes of fieldworker training.

Growers and Farm Labor Contractors are required to provide fieldworker training to their fieldworkers who may enter treated fields within 30 days after any pesticide (herbicide, insecticide, fungicide, etc.) has been applied. Workers must be fully trained before entering treated fields and every **year** thereafter (3CCR section 6764).

California's pesticide regulatory structure makes failure to provide this training a Class B violation because of the possible risk of adverse health effects to workers. The fine for each violation in this class ranges from \$250 to \$1,000. Avoid this violation and educate your fieldworkers about pesticide safety.

Our training is provided as part of the outreach efforts of the Farm Worker Health Initiative, which was established with industry members, farm worker advocacy groups, health providers, other County agencies, and State and Federal EPA representatives to improve the health and safety for fieldworkers. Any fieldworker training conducted by California Certified Applicators and approved instructors meets the requirements of 3 CCR 6764.

- Free registration and training.
- Training will be provided in **Spanish and English** by Pesticide Regulation inspectors as qualified trainers under EPA guidelines.
- Space is limited – each operation/company may enroll up to five employees (a waiting list will be developed for additional employees if space permits).
- Each attendee will receive a Fieldworker Verification Card after completing the training to validate attendance. The worker should keep the card and show the card to an agricultural inspector conducting a fieldworker inspection.
- Training workshops last approximately two hours.

Training locations, dates and times:

Session 1- March 16, 2017, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Spanish Class**
Fallbrook Community Center, Eucalyptus Room
341 Heald Lane
Fallbrook, CA 92028 (760) 728-1671

Session 2- March 21, 2017, Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **English Class**
San Diego County Farm Bureau
1670 E. Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92025 (760) 745-3023

Session 3- March 23, 2017, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Spanish Class**
San Diego County Farm Bureau
1670 E. Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92025 (760) 745-3023

Session 4- March 30, 2017, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Spanish Class**
Valley Center Library, Community Room
29200 Cole Grade Road
Valley Center, CA 92082 (760) 749-1305

To register your employee(s), please call:

County of San Diego, Agriculture, Weights and Measures
Pesticide Regulation Program
Monday – Friday,
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(858) 694-8980

When registering, please be ready to provide the following information:

- Location of preference
- Name(s) of attendees
- Company name
- Telephone number

If you have any questions, please contact Senior Agricultural/Standards Inspector Abdel Ulises Amador at (858) 967-8632.

Sincerely,

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