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Dear San Joaquin County Spray Permit Holder:

Beginning May 1, 2015, new restrictions regarding the use of products containing the active ingredients (AI) abamectin, chlorpyrifos, gibberellins and oxyfluorfen will be in effect. These AI's are found in pesticide products such as Abba, Lorsban, Pro-Gibb and Goal 2XL.

Prohibitions apply when all four situations occur:

1. High-VOC product containing one of the 4 AI's (abamectin, chlorpyrifos, gibberellins, or oxyfluorfen)
2. Applied in the San Joaquin Valley (counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, **San Joaquin**, Stanislaus, and Tulare)
3. Applied between May 1 and October 31, 2015, and between May 1 and October 31, 2016
4. Used on alfalfa, almonds, citrus, cotton, grapes, pistachios, or walnuts.

The only exceptions to the prohibition on the use of high-VOC products described above require a written recommendation by a licensed Pest Control Adviser for the following situations:

- Chlorpyrifos to control aphids on cotton
- Gibberellins applied at no more than 16 grams AI/acre
- Oxyfluorfen applied at no more than 0.125 (1/8) pounds AI/acre
- Emergency exemption from registration (Section 18)
- Special Local Need (Section 24(c)) registration
- Applications required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, or County Agricultural Commissioner to control, suppress or eradicate pests
- Applications with a precision sprayer that meets the criteria of the California Office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

For a list of high-VOC products, go to www.cdpr.ca.gov, click on "A-Z Index," then "VOC nonfumigant regulations." Or obtain a list from your nearest Agricultural Commissioner's office, addresses listed above. For questions, please call our main office at 209-953-6000.

NOTE: THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS TO USE LOW-VOC PRODUCTS WITH THE AI'S ABAMECTIN, CHLORPYRIFOS, GIBBERELLINS OR OXYFLUORFEN.