

METOLACHLOR TASK FORCE

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Dear Ms. Prichard;

This letter is being sent on behalf of the members of the Metolachlor Task Force, those members being Drexel Chemical Company, Memphis, Tennessee, Makhteshim Agan of North America (d/b/a ADAMA), Raleigh, N.C., and Sipcam Agro USA, Inc., Durham, N.C.

This is in response to the September 23, 2016 letter and California Notice 2016-06 which states the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) detected residues of two metolachlor and metolachlor degradation products in groundwater in the counties of San Joaquin, Solano and Stanislaus as a result of the use of the following products:

Drexel Chemical Company:

Drexel Me-Too-Lachlor Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 19713-548-ZA

Drexel Me-Too-Lachlor II Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 19713-549-ZA

ADAMA:

Parallel Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 66222-87-AA

Parallel PCS Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 66222-86-AA

Sipcam Agro USA, Inc.:

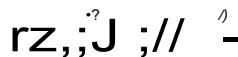
Stalwart Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 60063-24-AA

Pursuant to the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 13149(c), members of the Metolachlor Task Force hereby request a hearing to resolve DPR concerns of the two degradation products and to support the continued registration, sale, and use of each product containing the active ingredient metolachlor.

Sincerely,



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