

DPR Brown Bag Lunch Series

## Keeping Workers Safe through Outreach and Education

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### AGENDA

June 9, 2015

*Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, 1001 I Street in Sacramento. Training rooms east and west, first floor.*

**11:45 a.m. - Registration, Sign-In**

12 p.m. - Welcome and Introduction: Brian Leahy, Director - Department of Pesticide Regulation

12:05 p.m. - Grass roots/Farm worker Outreach – Martha Sanchez, Environmental Scientist

12:20 p.m. - Industrial Hygiene and Technical Education – Harvard Fong, Senior Industrial Hygienist

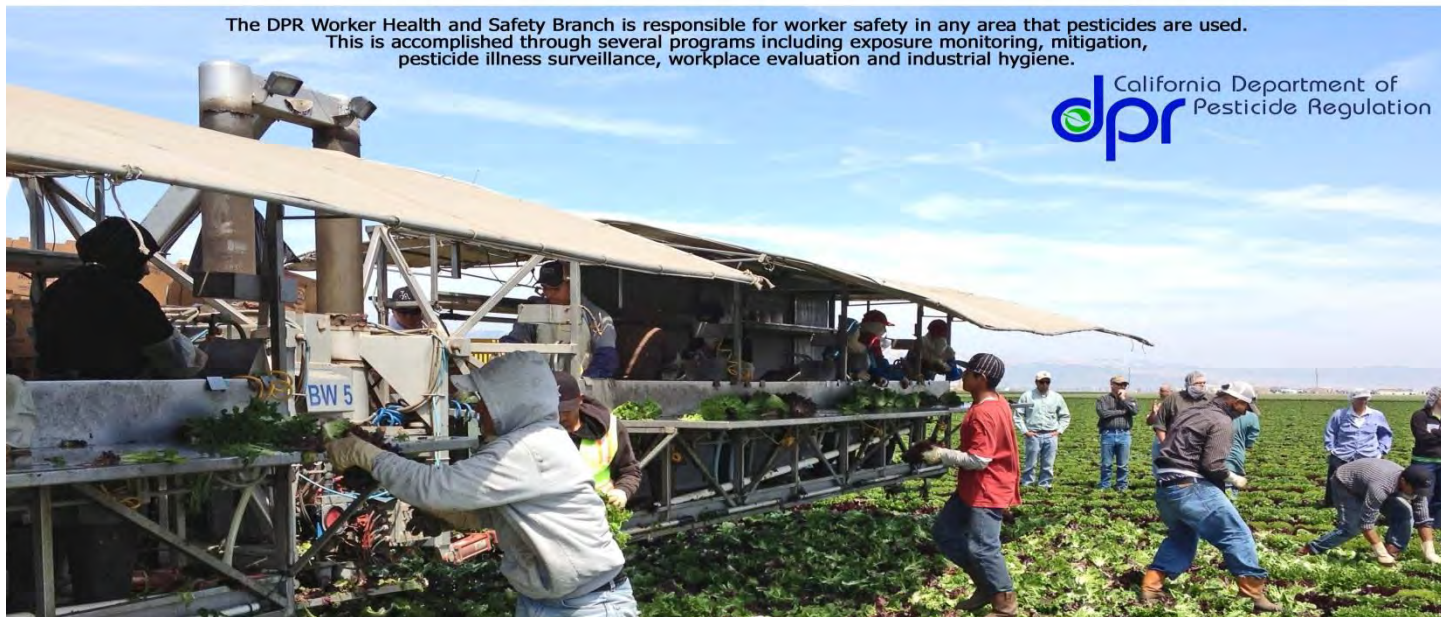
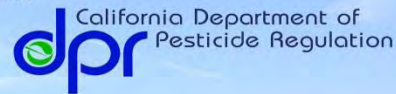
12:35 p.m. - Mitigation and Human Health Outreach – Nino Yanga, Environmental Program Manager I

**12:50 p.m. - Questions**

**1 p.m. - Adjourn**

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## Speakers



**Brian Leahy** was appointed as Director, Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) on Feb. 2, 2012 by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. Prior to joining DPR, he served as assistant director for the Division of Land Resource Protection in the California Department of Conservation for five years. His focus was the potential for maximizing the benefits from open space management, including farmland management, to improve public health, transportation, biodiversity, climate change adaptation and natural resources.



**Martha E. Sánchez** is an Environmental Scientist who has worked at DPR for more than 20 years. Martha began working at DPR while pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies at Sacramento State University. After being hired on full time with DPR, she continued to combine work with study at Sacramento State University, leading to a Master's degree in Spanish. Since 2008, she has worked in DPR's Worker Health and Safety Branch serving as the departments outreach program coordinator where she attends meetings and provides pesticide safety information to farm workers and their families.



**Nino Yanga** is an Environmental Program Manager I for the Pesticide Illness Surveillance Program (PISP) and Exposure Monitoring and Industrial Hygiene Program (EMIHP). He has worked for DPR for close to 15 years in Enforcement and the Worker Health and Safety Branch. His education includes Doctor of Veterinary Medicine – University of the Philippines; Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine with a focus on Epidemiology – University of California, Davis; and a Master of Biological Conservation – CSU, Sacramento.



**Harvard Fong** is the Senior Industrial Hygienist at DPR. He graduated from UC Berkeley in 1980.