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NOTICE OF HEXAZINONE RESIDUE DETECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA GROUND WATER AND REGISTRANT OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

Hexazinone residues have been detected in California ground water. Based on the results of investigations conducted in Fresno and San Joaquin counties by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), the Director has determined that hexazinone residues detected in ground water resulted from legal agricultural pesticide use.

The following pesticide products containing the active ingredients hexazinone are registered for sale and use in California as agricultural use herbicides for weed control:

<u>Registrant</u>	<u>Brand Name</u> <u>EPA Reg. No.</u>
E. I. Du Pont De Nemours and Co., Inc.	DuPont Velpar DF Herbicide EPA No. 352- 581-AA DuPont Velpar L Herbicide EPA No. 352- 392-ZA DuPont Velpar Alfamax Gold Herbicide EPA No. 352- 666-AA DuPont Velpar Alfamax Herbicide EPA No. 352- 665-AA DuPont Alfamax MP Herbicide EPA No. 352- 634-AA DuPont Velpar ULW Herbicide EPA No. 352- 450-AA DuPont Westar Herbicide EPA No. 352- 626-AA
Helena Chemical Company	Velossa EPA No. 5905- 579-AA.

Pursuant to section 13149(b) of the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), notice is hereby given of the Director's determination and that hexazinone registrants have 30 days from the date of this notice to request a hearing. If a registrant does not request a hearing within 30 days, the registrations of its hexazinone agricultural use product(s) will be cancelled pursuant to FAC section 13149(c).

If a hearing is requested, it will be held within 180 days after the initial request is received. The hearing is public and will be held by a subcommittee of the Pesticide Registration and Evaluation Committee (PREC). The PREC Subcommittee consists of one member each from the State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and DPR.

As required by FAC section 13150, all registrants requesting a hearing are required to submit a report and documented evidence to support the continued registration, sale and use of hexazinone. The report and documented evidence are due to DPR 30 days before the scheduled hearing date. A registrant may specify that it intends to rely upon a report and documented evidence by another registrant. The report and documented evidence should be submitted to DPR in portable document format (PDF) on a compact disc (CD) and in hard copy to facilitate review by the Subcommittee and allow posting to DPR's Web site. A notice will be issued specifying the date, time and location of the PREC Subcommittee hearing.

Each registrant, or its designated agent, will be given time at the hearing to provide oral testimony and answer the Subcommittee's questions about the registrant's report and any other material submitted by registrants to DPR. The public will also be given time to provide oral testimony to the Subcommittee.

The written hearing request and requests for additional information should be directed to Ms. Ann Hanger, Registration Branch, DPR, 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015, Mail Stop 3D, Sacramento, California 95812-4015. Ms. Hanger can be reached at (916) 324-3535 or <ahanger@cdpr.ca.gov>.

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