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NOTICE TO PESTICIDE REGISTRANTS
REGARDING INITIATION OF RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS
FOR THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT
BORIC ACID

This notice informs registrants that the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is initiating the risk assessment process for registered pesticide products containing indoor uses of the active ingredient boric acid.

Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) sections 13121-13130 require DPR to review the toxicology database of all registered pesticide active ingredients. FAC section 13134 requires DPR to assess dietary risks associated with the use of pesticides. In addition, FAC section 12824 requires DPR to endeavor to eliminate from use in California any pesticide that endangers the agricultural or nonagricultural environment. DPR identified boric acid as having potential adverse health effects in studies of sufficient quality to allow risk characterization.

During the risk assessment process, DPR evaluates the significance of the adverse effects to human health. If DPR decides that use of, or certain uses of, pesticide products containing indoor uses of the active ingredient boric acid result in a significant adverse effect to human health, action must be taken to mitigate the adverse effect.

To view the studies DPR currently has on file for this active ingredient, you may search DPR's pesticide data index at <http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/ereglib/main.cfm>. If you have additional data or information that you believe are relevant to this risk assessment, please submit them to DPR. Please address all submissions to:

Risk Assessment – (Boric acid)
Attn: Ann Hanger
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Please address all questions regarding this notice to Ms. Ann Hanger, Staff Environmental Scientist, by telephone at 916-324-3535 or by e-mail at <ahanger@cdpr.ca.gov>.

Original signed by

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