

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS ACTIONS TO REDUCE
OZONE-FORMING PESTICIDE EMISSIONS IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and the Air Resources Board (ARB) will hold a public meeting at the location identified below to discuss California's efforts to reduce ozone forming volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from pesticides in the San Joaquin Valley. The meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to learn about DPR's recent actions to reduce pesticide VOC emissions from fumigant use and to explore future opportunities to reduce pesticide VOC emissions. ARB and DPR staff will make brief presentations. The majority of the meeting is devoted to public comment and discussion. DPR Director Mary-Ann Warmerdam, ARB Member Dorene D'Adamo, and ARB Executive Officer James Goldstene will lead the discussion. Spanish interpretation will be available.

DATE: September 28, 2009

TIME: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Harvest Hall
Stanislaus County Agricultural
Commissioner's Office
3800 Cornucopia Way
Modesto

Volatile organic compounds are gases that can combine with emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) in the presence of sunlight to form ozone or smog. Under the federal Clean Air Act (Act), each state must specify how it will reduce smog-producing emissions, detailing these measures in a federally-approved State Implementation Plan (SIP). Agricultural and structural pesticide use is among many contributors of smog-forming VOC emissions in the San Joaquin Valley. DPR is the California agency responsible for regulating pesticides, including the development and implementation of strategies to reduce VOC emissions from pesticides. ARB has the overall responsibility for ensuring federal Clean Air Act requirements are met.

DPR has a well-established program for regulating the use of agricultural and structural pesticides. In California's 1994 SIP for the 1-hour ozone standard, DPR committed to reduce pesticide VOC emissions in various federal nonattainment areas, including the San Joaquin Valley. To address the more health-protective federal 8-hour ozone standard, DPR established a not-to-exceed pesticide VOC emission limit of 18.1 tons per day for the San Joaquin Valley, implemented regulations prohibiting the use of high-emitting fumigant application methods, and committed to reduce pesticide VOC emissions from non-fumigant pesticide

products. Together, these commitments and regulations make up California's revised pesticide SIP.

This meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to learn about these regulatory efforts to reduce pesticide emissions and the associated SIP revisions. There will also be discussion of DPR plans to evaluate the potential for additional emission reductions from non-fumigant pesticides in the San Joaquin Valley.

Participation by the DPR Director will provide the public with an opportunity to comment directly on actions to reduce pesticide VOC emissions. ARB's participation will ensure that the ARB hears public comment on DPR actions related to the SIP prior to administrative action on the DPR SIP revision.

For more information on DPR's program to reduce pesticide VOCs, go to www.cdpr.ca.gov, and click on the "Air" Quick Finder link, then on "Volatile Organic Compound Emissions."