## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MEASUREMENT STANDARDS



Ruben J. Arroyo Agricultural Commissioner Sealer of Weights and Measures 1001 South Mount Vernon Avenue · Bakersfield, California 93307 Telephone 661-868-6300 · Fax 661-868-6301 · agcomm@co.kern.ca.us

December, 2013

Dear Permittee;

2014 Restricted Material Permit/Operator ID issuance will begin December 16, 2013.

- ✓ Call for an appointment beginning **December 9, 2013**.
- ✓ If anyone other than the permittee (property operator) is going to sign the permit, they must provide us with written documentation from the permittee to act on his/her behalf. If you are the property operator's authorized representative, please bring a letter of authorization with you to your appointment. The operator of the property is defined as the owner, partner or officer of the business applying for the permit.
- ✓ Bring a list of changes from your 2013 permit to your appointment.
- ✓ Provide maps, including sensitive areas and surrounding crops. Maps will be compared to computer imagery to verify locations.
- ✓ Private Applicator Certification (PAC) is required for Restricted Materials Permit applicants. Bring your current PAC (tan card) with you to your permit appointment. PACs with last names beginning with the letters I-Q will expire Dec. 31, 2013.
- ✓ Use reports must be submitted in a timely manner. Failure to submit use reports will delay permit issuance and is a violation of law.
- ✓ Online Pesticide Use Reporting
  - If you would like to participate in Web-Based pesticide use reporting, please bring a complete list of ALL of your Pest Control Businesses, Pest Control Advisors and Pesticide Dealers who you would like to authorize to submit pesticide use reports online on your behalf.
- ✓ While appointments are the most efficient way to renew your permit, this year we will have ONE biologist available to accept walk-ins between 8:00AM and 9:00AM during the months of December and January. Walk-ins will be taken first come first served until 9:00AM. If you are not helped on that day you will need to make an appointment or come back another day. Placement in line will not be saved from previous days. The intent of allowing limited walk-ins is to accommodate 'emergency' situations for those unable to obtain appointments in a timely manner. Depending on the day, wait times may be significant for those without appointments.
- ✓ Also, we would like to use this opportunity to gather data for our 2013 Crop Report. Enclosed you will find crop reporting forms. We would appreciate you filling them out (for crop year 2013) and returning them on the day of your appointment. Estimates are useful if you don't have exact numbers at this time.

If you have any questions, please call our Environmental and Public Protection Division at (661) 868-6300.

Sincerely,

Eddy Greynolds Deputy Director

Enclosures