



April 10, 2015

Subject: Douglas County, Aerial Pesticide Use Complaint, ODA Inv. No. 150358, Wilbur-Ellis Company / Canyon Creek Logging

The Oregon Department of Agriculture's (ODA) Pesticides Program received a concern about an aerial pesticide application that occurred March 27, 2015, to a forest property near Glide, Oregon. The property is owned by FIA Illinois Municipal and is under the management of Barnes and Associates Inc., Roseburg, Oregon. Wilbur-Ellis Company, Napavine, Washington, performed the pesticide application. The pesticide use concern alleged that several forest workers were impacted by the aerial pesticide application and have claimed adverse health.

The Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) is assisting with the coordination, communication, and response to this incident. The state lead agencies currently involved are the Department of Agriculture (ODA), Department of Forestry (ODF), Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA), and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Environmental samples have been obtained from the forest property, and analytical results will be provided to affected individuals and interested parties as soon as they are available.

This information is being provided to you in the event that you or your constituents are contacted or have any questions regarding the incident or the response by any agencies involved.

If you become aware of any individuals who may be claiming or experiencing adverse health effects associated with this incident, please recommend that they contact their health care provider or the Oregon Poison Center at 800-222-1222. PARC also may assist with directing individuals to resources or information to address the concerns of adverse health.

The pesticide products applied to the forest property were identified as Atrazine 4L Herbicide, EPA Reg. No. 66222-36 and Dupont Velpar DF Herbicide, EPA Reg. No. 352-581. The active ingredients in the pesticide products applied are atrazine and hexazinone. A drift management agent, Wilbur-Ellis Company, Crosshair, also was included. If you would like more health and safety information about this active ingredient, please contact the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) located at Oregon State University at 800-858-7378. NPIC is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.

As PARC member agencies continue to investigate this matter, we think that it is important for everyone to have the information above in case there have been any impacts associated with this incident. Additional information will be provided to affected individuals or interested parties when available.

Questions or concerns from the public or interested parties should be directed to PARC: Theodore Bunch, PARC Coordinator, (503) 986-6470, toll-free (844) 688-7272, or via email at PARC@oda.state.or.us.

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