



## **News and Information for November 2018**

### **HLB Risk Survey Along the International Border**

In December of 2017, we started the ACP-HLB Risk Survey along the international border. Properties containing citrus within two miles from the border are surveyed for both the ACP insects and HLB disease. Live insects and suspect symptomatic plant samples are collected and submitted to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Diagnostic lab for testing and confirmation. This year, a total of 988 sites have been surveyed, from which 1610 plant and 3 live ACP samples were collected and submitted for HLB testing. All samples results received back from these surveys have been reported as negative for HLB, with some results still pending. A new fall detection cycle is currently in progress.

### **Industrial Hemp**

The proposed language for the regulations concerning commercial registration fees are now posted. There will be a 45-day comment period for anyone wishing to comment on the regulations. Please visit this website for more information, [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/regs\\_hemp.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/regs_hemp.html).

### **Chlorpyrifos Update**

DPR is working on recommended permit conditions, which are intended to go into effect on January 1, 2019. These are still under development and have not yet been released. Our office is likely to adopt interim permit conditions, like we did last year, that will cover the remainder of the current restricted materials permit which expires in June. We will provide details once the conditions are made public.

### **Container Recycling Event**

On November 26, Interstate Ag Plastics will be at the Fairgrounds accepting empty, triple-rinsed pesticide containers for recycling. Please make an appointment by calling (661) 764-9614. Remember that the trailers must be tarped or covered.

### **Licensing and Registration**

Any license holders (PCA, QAL, etc.) who have yet to submit their renewal to DPR, should submit those as soon as possible. These must be obtained prior to registration, which expire Dec 31. People that wish to register or take a Private Application Certificate (PAC) exam may come in now.

### **Compliance Tip – Application Specific Information Display**

We have begun the busy season for performing Field Worker Safety Inspections, which includes a visit to the property operator to check for compliance with the Application Specific Information Display (ASID) requirements. The ASID is intended to be a place where any field worker or employee may find out what pesticides were sprayed on a field within the last 30 days and if there are existing REIs.

- The ASID must be unimpeded; if someone has to ask where it is located, it is not considered unimpeded.
- The address of the ASID must be available at the site wherever a crew is working. The physical address must be provided to the Farm Labor Contractor. PO Boxes are not allowed.
- A Completion Record typically covers the majority of the required information. It must contain the crop, the site ID, the date(s), the start and end time, REI, product name, registration number, and active ingredient.
- The Safety Data Sheet (SDS) must also be present.
- See 3 CCR 6761.1 or call the office for more information.