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Memorandum:

To: Pesticide Dealerships, and Commercial Pesticide Applicators

From: Charles Moses, ES IV, Nevada Department of Agriculture

Date: November 13, 2006

Subject: Pesticide Site Security and Container Storage

Everyone has become more security conscious since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Although pesticides were not involved in these attacks, business that sell, distribute, or apply pesticides have long known that pesticides may cause human health and environmental effects if used improperly or if accidentally released into the environment. Site safety and security is necessary to protect your workers, customers, and your community. We all have the responsibility to assure that pesticides are available only to those individuals who have a legitimate need for them. In this way we can help maintain their continued registration.

In addition to this, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently approved regulations governing pesticide containers and their containment. Your firm may be required to meet these new requirements.

To help address these issues, the Nevada Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Nevada Division of Emergency Management and the State Emergency Response Commission, will be collecting some additional information as part of our regular inspections. We will be seeking additional information on the types and quantities of pesticides stored at your facility. This information will be shared with the State Fire Marshall and will aid first responders when addressing emergencies at your facility. You may already be reporting this information under SARA Title III requirements. As part of our survey, we will also be distributing fact sheets on site safety and security, as well as information on the new pesticide container and containment regulations.

By taking adequate measures to assure that your pesticide establishment is safe and secure, you will prevent accidental releases and intentional or unintentional pesticide misuse. If you have any questions, please contact me at 775-688-1182, extension 251.