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EXTERNAL:

To the Department of Pesticide Regulation:

I oppose the Department of Pesticide Regulation's proposed regulation of the cancer-causing fumigant 1,3-dichloropropene, which chooses Dow Chemical's preferred cancer risk level over the 14 times more health protective level set by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

Farmworker communities will suffer far more exposure than OEHHA considers safe if this regulation is implemented as is. Those most impacted are overwhelmingly people of Mexican descent and Indigenous. This is environmental racism. As a Chicana living in Salinas and an educator I have witnessed the grassroots efforts of countless activist that see first hand the devastation cancer has brought to Farmworking communities. Just a year ago we lost Juan Martinez to cancer and he was an advocate that helped California develop pesticide warning postings for field workers in the Salinas Valley. I urge you to bring Justice to our communities by protecting us from these harmful chemicals that are slowly poisoning our communities and killing us. BASTA!!

*OEHHA's cancer risk warning level for all Californians of 0.04 parts per billion must be the target level of any 1,3-D regulation.*

*As a Regulatory body your job is to protect us through our Constitutional Right to Life. I urge you to protect our well-being and regulate pesticide use in California. Stop the racist policies that are harming our Mexican American Farmworking Communities throughout California.*

Sincerely,  
Ana Barrera

Sent from my iPhone