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PPDC Worker Safety Subcommittee Proposed Changes to

Perspectives from Agriculture



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Worker Protection

- ◆ **Specialty Crops vs Major Crops**
- ◆ **Field Workers**
- ◆ **Worker Availability Key Issue**
- ◆ **Incentive to Maintain and Improve Safety Record**
- ◆ **Goal to Protect Human Health and Minimize Exposure**



24 Issues Identified- Comments from WG

- **Input limited to date: Letters from coalitions, individuals (7)**
- **EPA has ranked by workload**
- **Ranked by level of discussion needed**
 - **Conference calls**
 - **Side discussions and input**
 - **General input from workgroup**

Training and Certification Concerns

- ◆ **Rising costs of production**
- ◆ **Establishment of competency – difficulties and realities**
- ◆ **Costs of program development, staffing and maintenance**
- ◆ **Lack of funding at state level**
- ◆ **Enforcement – resource issues and practicalities**
- ◆ **UC Pesticide Safety Training Program suspended in 2005**

Further Input and Discussion

- **Resources, resources, resources**
- **Economic analysis by issue – in progress**
- **Enforcement issues**
- **Stakeholder involvement – Minor Crop Farmer Alliance, major commodity groups, ag alliances, etc.**