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Hi Tiffany,

Despite a thorough search through our archives, I was not able to find the exact material that Liz sent to John in 1998. However, I did find some updated material related to the occupational hazards of contact with treated wastewater. I've attached guidance from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health around wastewater published in 2002. The recommendations for employees working around treated wastewater include employer provision of necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, aprons, boots, and face masks, as well as employee training, and documentation of these procedures in an Injury and Illness Prevention Program (ILPP).

You also expressed concern about exposure to formalin, which is a derivative of formaldehyde. I've attached our formaldehyde fact sheet for reference. Your employer should be providing you with material safety data sheets (MSDS's) when you are working with formalin or other pesticides, and you should be provided with and wearing PPE when applying this or other pesticides.

You mentioned previously contacting Cal/OSHA and I read your email to Cal-EPA. These are the entities I would refer you to, as the California Department of Public Health does not have an enforcement mechanism, and does not conduct routine investigations of workplaces. I hope this additional documentation is helpful. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me again.

Best,

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