

August 14, 2007


Dear Irrigation District Permittees,

The use of fluridone has not been covered under your NPDES permit, but Ecology is allowing its use during the time frame listed below, so long as there is no discharge of treated waters into natural waters (as defined in your current NPDES permit). Please note the following conditions. Fluridone treatment must only occur from October 2007-March 2008. Permittees must only apply fluridone to slow-moving, quiescent waters. Any permittee using fluridone during this time period must send in a monthly DMR stating whether or not any discharge to natural waters occurred. While the permit does not require monitoring of fluridone, permittees must report any use as part of your 2007 annual report, due to Ecology no later than February 1, 2008.

Data collected during the preparation of the risk assessment on fluridone shows that it is much less toxic than other products used in irrigation canals and has the potential to effectively inhibit plant growth during the treatment season.

Ecology is considering adding fluridone to the list of pesticides available for use under the next permit, so your evaluation of its effectiveness in irrigation districts is extremely important. Please call Andrew Kolosseus at 360-407-7543 or Kelly McLain, our aquatic pesticide specialist, at 360-407-6938 if you have any questions on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy L. Winters".

Nancy L. Winters, Manager
Program Development Services
Water Quality Program

Cc: Kelly McLain
Andrew Kolosseus