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Subject: Comments on the recommended ILRP Framework

Dear Adam Laputz,

I am a fisheries scientist living in Oakland and working in San Joaquin county who would like to add my comments to the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Framework that is up for review on April 6, 2011. I represent only myself and the greater community of people who believe in the tenets of the Clean Water Act. My comment is that I believe the regulatory framework being proposed falls short of the regulation necessary to improve surface and groundwater quality in the Central Valley of California. I think that businesses (including farms) should be held accountable for their chemical runoff. Other institutions (for example, Universities) that use chemicals or cause point pollution are held to a "cradle to grave" responsibility for those effluents and it does not sound like agribusinesses are held to this standard thereby placing the burden of responsibility on everyone else for their unregulated and un-policed "dirty" water releases. My request is for more regulation of these agricultural water effluents than is currently being proposed.

Thanks in advance for you time and consideration.

Regards,

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