The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is considering the adoption of new costly regulations for pesticide applications, even though their own records argue against this.

**THE FACTS SHOW:**

- **California has the strictest regulations in the nation governing the application of pest management products.**
- **Science-based protections are already in place to assure pesticides in California are used safely and effectively.**

**California Farmers - Three Levels of Regulation**

**State:**
- DPR does additional testing, risk assessment or evaluation, and monitoring. For many products, additional restrictions are required.

**Federal:**
- U.S. EPA mandates extensive scientific review and testing to confirm no unreasonable adverse effects on people or the environment.

**County:**
- County Agricultural Commissioners (CAC) can require additional measures based on weather, topography, and other specific situations.

(additional rules)
In the past 10 years, there has only been 8 incidents involving agricultural pesticide use in the vicinity of schools.

All incidents were investigated and none showed exposure or illness.

Between 2011-2014, 97% of pesticide inquiries did not involve school campuses. Of the 3% that did, none showed exposure or illness after investigation.

From 2011-2014, over 23,000 air samples were performed. 93% showed no pesticide detections. Of the remaining 7%, 4% were at such low levels they couldn't be assessed.

More Coordination, Less Regulation

In many local jurisdictions, new schools are built near existing farmland, inviting concern where science shows none should exist.

A better solution is improved coordination between school districts, local governments, farmers, community members, CACs and DPR over where new schools should be sited.

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