



Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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This is an **urgent advisory** to be on the lookout for people trespassing onto orchards and farms in the unincorporated area of Tulare County during or immediately after pesticide applications. According to flyers distributed by an organization called the Central California Environmental Justice Network, the organization has been recruiting volunteers who are potentially planning to carry backpacks with air monitoring equipment through orchards and fields in the County from May through August. We are concerned these individuals may attempt to enter a field or orchard during a pesticide application or immediately thereafter to utilize their air monitoring equipment in an attempt to detect pesticide spraying. For years, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) has been conducting community air monitoring, with very few detections of pesticides, and none that exceeded any risk levels of actual concern. The danger of this new effort is that these volunteers may attempt to test for pesticide exposures without the appropriate training or protective gear, potentially endangering themselves and the subject properties.

Should you see anyone attempting to enter your field or orchard for this purpose, we urge you to immediately contact the County Sherriff's office 559-802-9400 and the County Ag Commissioner 559-684-3350.