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To CalRecycle Board

Comments to CalRecycle Board on Compost Solutions Application to expand.

As property owner/operator of farmland immediately south (direction of summer prevailing winds) of proposed project we have concerns. First we realize there is a negative perception with the thought of municipal bio sludge being composted near farmland that is producing food for human consumption. Right or wrong, this perception, is the reality we must put up with. Could this be a reason that a potential buyer of crops would refuse to purchase?, I don't know.

Since Almonds are produced on three sides of the facility there is the concern and risk of possible cross contamination from hazardous organisms (such as salmonella) in municipal bio sludge. Proponents will state that there is the possibility of contamination from wildlife on farmland. That I agree with, the real issue is the possibility of increased risk of contamination with the proposed project. As stated buy a Almond handler that purchases almonds from growers: "the tolerance level for salmonella on almonds is zero".

Questions for CalRecycle Board:

1. Can CalRecycle guarantee that there will be NO chance of cross contamination into our almonds from Compost Solutions, with the proposed conditions?
2. Is CalRecycle willing to accept liability if there is contamination and all permit conditions are followed by Compost Solutions?

The blowing of dust or fugitive material from offsite, especially during loading or unloading of material is of concern. The transport and transfer of composted material into stock piles during winds can lead to blowing of material off site.

3. Is it guaranteed that composted material is 100% pathogen free so there is no chance of

material being blown onto surrounding farmland used to produce food?

4. Would you as Board members of CalRecycle, and were looking to build a home, would you be willing to build your home adjacent to and down wind from an operation such as Compost Solutions? Probably not. So why should we be subjected to this operation?

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