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Environmental Quality Incentives Program

FACT SHEET - *TREATED WOOD STAKE DISPOSAL*

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is presently offering an Air Quality enhancing cost-share incentive program to growers in California who live in areas classified as Serious Non-Attainment for PM-10 (particulate matter smaller than ten microns).

This cost-share program is designed to assist growers in disposing of Chromium Copper Arsenate (CCA) wood stakes to authorized disposal sites.

While all growers with CCA-treated stakes are eligible to apply for cost share assistance, this program is designed to target growers with existing piles of treated wood stakes as having the highest priority.

With limited resources available, the priority is to remove the threat of accidental combustion as well as reducing potential damage to underground and surface waterways.

California counties currently eligible to participate in the Air Quality Grape Stake Disposal program are: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Riverside, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.
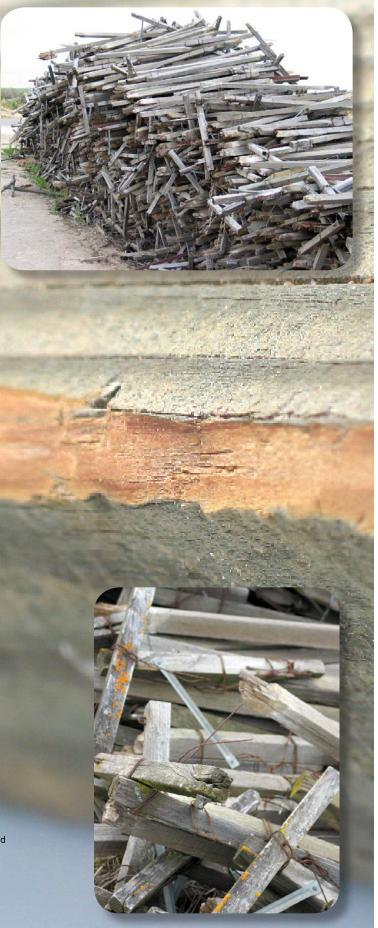
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Program Specifics

► The program is designed to obtain the greatest and most immediate reduction of emissions

► All CCA-treated wood products used as support structures for crops are eligible for cost share funds, regardless of crops

► Priority will be given to existing stacks

► The minimum contract length is two years

► Cost share assistance will be available one time per site location

► Growers that have switched to other materials for support systems will have a higher priority

► Cost share rate: $125 per acre (based on 1.5 tons of material per acre)

► Maximum of 310 tons (approximately 200 acres) per contract

► Cost sharing will be allowed on loading, transportation, and disposal of CCA-treated stakes

► Disposal will be at approved landfills only