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RE: Opposition to Proposed Rule 1495

Dear Mr. Soltani and Members of the Governing Board:

On behalf of the Nisei Farmers League, we oppose Proposed Rule 1495. Commodity fumigation is essential to protecting agricultural products from invasive pests and meeting import and export requirements. Additional emission requirements would increase costs and delay shipments, placing more pressure on farmers already facing a wide range of regulatory expenses.

We urge South Coast AQMD to oppose adoption of the proposed rule. Protecting public health is a shared goal, but we must also support California agriculture to safely and reliably move products to market.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Manuel Cunha Jr.
Nisei Farmers League President

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