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State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento CA 95812-2815



Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to you about a chemical pollutant in California's precious water sources, 1,2,3 TCP.

You are all well aware we have a new President as of 20 January 2017. In a few short weeks we have learned that this aim of the new administration is to deregulate. Specifically, carve away environmental regulations designed to ensure that our water sources are clean and safe. **Our priority is clean air and water**, not deregulation of chemical pollutants.

The lesson from 20 January 2017 is that **we, the citizens of California, must continue to be leaders in water and air quality standards**. Clearly we must not let the lapse of federal regulation obstruct our leadership in clean water and clean air standards. Our state has the power to ensure that harmful chemicals are kept out of our vital water sources and those chemical contaminants already present in our water must be scrutinized and legally permissible levels are determined. **This is your job: to ensure that California State Water Resources are kept at the highest standards possible.**

I plead with you to regulate the amount of 1,2,3 TCP (a manmade proven carcinogen) in our water sources. (I am sure it comes as no surprise to you that measured 1,2,3 TCP levels are highest in rural, lower income communities where the source or 1,2,3 TCP (pesticides) were sold).

**Please set the TCP drinking water standard at the current detection limit, 5 ppt.** The protection of our water resources is vital for the public health of all Californians, and of generations to come. Clean water depends on your action: you have the power and with that power the responsibility to act. Water treatment costs will have to be recouped from the businesses responsible – those who sold the contaminated pesticides. The price of business is production plus waste.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best

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