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**Subject:** Don't dilute the Clean Water Act: Deny General Permit Now

Dear California State Water Board,

The use of toxic herbicides and pesticides is a matter of significant public interest, concern and controversy. I am strongly opposed to weakening the Clean Water Act by permitting the US Forest Service and the Department of Food and Agriculture the widespread use of toxic chemical spray applications.

The State Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations. Allowance of large scale herbicide/pesticide spraying is contrary to the mission of the Board and would instead harm human and environmental health now and for future generations.

I urge the Water Board to stop this Spray Application permit process.

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