



## San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

### COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN January 2003 (Updated June 2006)

#### ***Vineyard Removal Update***

Grape growers are reminded that chemically treated wooden grape stakes and end-posts release toxic materials into the air and leave toxic ash in the soil when burned. Because of the significant public health risk, chemically treated wooden grape stakes and end-posts may not be burned or chipped at any time. Growers are advised to do the following:

- Before vineyards are pushed into piles, remove all chemically treated wood from the vineyard. Although redwood stakes have not tested positive for toxics, they are still subject to inspection. All other types of wood are highly suspect and must be removed. Metal stakes and wire do not need to be removed.
- Once all chemically treated wood has been removed from the vineyard, call the District's Ag Burn office for an inspection prior to pushing the debris into piles.
- After the vineyard has been inspected and cleared by the District, authorization to burn on future burn days will be given.
- Do not chip treated wood. Chipping can cause toxic dust emissions.
- Do not offer chemically treated wood for use as firewood as serious health effects have been reported from burning this wood.
- According to the State of California Department of Toxic Substance Control, the only acceptable method of disposal available for chemically treated wood is at a hazardous waste or a qualified solid waste landfill. In the San Joaquin Valley, these facilities are:

**Forward Landfill**, 9999 S Austin Road, Manteca

**American Avenue Landfill**, 18950 W American Avenue, Kerman

**CWMI – Kettleman Hills Facility**, 35251 Old Skyline Road, Kettleman City

**Clean Harbors – Buttonwillow Facility**, 2500 W Lokern Road, Buttonwillow

If you have any questions, please call the District's Ag Burn office at 1-800-665-2876 between 6:00 AM and 11:00 AM.