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TO: Butte County Rice Growers

RE: Conditional Rice Straw and Air Quality Burn Permit Applications and Registration

Dear Permit Holder:

Continuing this year, rice registration appointments are not mandatory; please register your fields by mailing completed registration forms to the Butte County Air Quality Management District (District). If you would like to submit your registration information electronically, would prefer an appointment, or if you have any questions or concerns about the registration process, please contact the District and speak with the on-duty inspector or with Kelly Towne at 332-9400, extension 105.

The following documents are enclosed to assist you with registering your fields for the 2019-2020 burn season:

- 2019 Conditional Rice Straw Burn Permit –complete and return the permit and **\$90.00** registration fee if you intend to register rice fields to burn which were planted in 2019. The permit was revised this year to provide more complete information about permit requirements and now contains information about swapping/splitting on the reverse side;
- Air Quality Burn Permit –complete and return the permit with the **\$30.00** base fee plus additional acreage fees (contact the District should you require assistance in determining acreage or fee amount) for burning non-rice agricultural waste (for example, ditches/roads, weeds, brush);
- Rice Burn Data Sheet(s) – lists rice fields which were previously registered and non-rice burn acres. Please verify rice fields which were planted this season which you intend to report as harvested during this season following the instructions at the top of the data sheets. Beginning this year, these forms contain acres registered on previous non-rice permits to assist you in completing your air quality burn permit renewal (if applicable). These data sheets are part of the permit and must be returned to the District prior to reporting harvested fields to the District; and,
- Field Crop Registration Form – to be used for any fields not currently listed on your Rice Burn Data Sheet that are to be harvested and reported to establish eligibility for burning during this season. Please provide a map of any field that is new to your permit.

Registration documentation and fees must be returned to the District no later than **August 23, 2019**. Failure to register your fields prior to harvesting will delay placement on the ready-to-burn list (and priority for burning) until after the registration process has been completed. If you no longer farm rice or have decided not to participate in the burn program, please contact Kelly to be removed from the registration mail out list.

Sincerely,

Ursula Parker
Burn Program Coordinator

Enclosures

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