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On August 2, 2017, the Kern County Agricultural Commissioner's (CAC) Office received notification from the Kern County Fire Department of a possible pesticide exposure to 164 fieldworkers that were harvesting in a garlic field. A helicopter application of Vulcan had been performed to an alfalfa field located 3/4 miles southwest of the garlic field and also a shank application of Vapam HL had been completed on August 1.

Update:

Interviews have been conducted with 158 of the fieldworkers and 97 of them reported experiencing symptoms of teary and burning eyes. Clothing and Foliage samples collected during the investigation by Kern CAC staff were submitted for analysis to the CDFA Center for Analytical Chemistry; they are awaiting the results.

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