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Subject:	64-MPA-17 PENR (Possible Organophosphate Exposure to Bees; 100 Hives; Estimated $76,500 Loss)
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On June 15, 2017, Kord A. Parker, owner of Parker's Farm & Apiary Services, was driving out to Mariposa to inspect his 100 hives, when he witnessed an airblast sprayer applying a substance near a pond and vegetation on someone's property, which is within a mile from his hives. Over the next 60 days, Mr. Parker began noticing that his bees were disoriented, not collecting pollen, not feeding the colony, had a loss of appetite, drones were disappearing, and abnormal bee death was occurring. The June 15th applicator did confirm that he had sprayed that day to control mosquitoes on the property and had used Dibrom 8 Emulsive (Naled), which is a federally restricted material (organophosphate). The applicator and his business partners do not have an Operator Identification Number with Mariposa CAC nor did they do a bee check. Supposedly, they had agreed to compensate Mr. Parker for his loss, but have now declined to provide any monetary compensation. On August 17th, Mr. Parker contacted Mariposa CAC about the incident. Mariposa CAC and their DPR liaison met with Mr. Parker on August 18th to interview him and collect bee and bee pollen samples from the apiary site. Interviews, Investigative samples, PUR/MSPUR searches, and weather reports are still in progress. This investigation is currently ongoing.

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