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Subject:	52-MON-17 PENR (16 Field Workers Transplanting Broccoli; 5+ with Pesticide Related Symptoms; Sought Medical Attention)
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On Friday, June 30, 2017, between 3:30am and 4:00am, approximately 16 field workers employed by a licensed FLC, Western Packing, arrived on ranch in between Chular and Gonzalez in Monterey county to began transplanting broccoli starts. At the same time, a pesticide applicator working for a licensed PCB, was applying non-restricted pesticides to romaine lettuce, which is immediately adjacent to where the field workers were transplanting and only separated by a paved road. The pesticide applicator requested for the transplant crew to move to the other side of the field, but by 5:30am, some of the 16 field workers had developed headache and nausea. The transplant crew moved to the other side of the field and were told by their foreman to wait in their cars until their crew supervisor returned from Castroville; other pesticide-related symptoms reported were dizziness, blurred vision, swollen throat and face, shortness of breath, and chest pain. One crew member did vomit prior to getting in to her vehicle. The crew supervisor arrived at 7:00am and asked if the field workers without symptoms could drive those with symptoms to the Natividad Medical Center in Salinas. Monterey CAC is in the process of conducting interviews of everyone involved and obtaining medical authorization forms and clothing release forms from the field workers. Currently, more than 5 of the field workers experienced symptoms. This investigation is currently ongoing.

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