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On Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 10:30 am, the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner's (CAC) office received a phone call from the Soledad Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, CA, about employees possibly being exposed to a herbicide application on to a wine grape vineyard that is adjacent to their facility. 20 of their employees that work in the Mental Health Department building or Substance Abuse Program building made a formal written complaint that on January 17, 2017, at approximately 3:00 pm, they became aware of a strong chemical smell. By 4:00 pm, 13 employees experienced headaches, nausea, coughing, dry mouth, congestion, eye irritations, stomach pains and gastrointestinal issues; one person sought medical attention. The herbicide application, done by a pest control business, to the wine grape vineyard began at approximately 10:00 am and concluded at 5:30 pm due to an increase in wind speed.
Monterey CAC staff has interviewed the pest control business, 15 of the 20 correctional facility employees so far, and they are working on weather and pesticide use report (PUR) data. This investigation is currently ongoing.

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