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**STUDY #318: PROTOCOL FOR COOPERATIVE GROUNDWATER MONITORING IN
REGION 3 WITH THE CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
CONTROL BOARD**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB), in partnership with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, is conducting a study to determine the age and source of nitrate in groundwater throughout Region 3. The study will focus on the collection and subsequent analysis of groundwater samples obtained specifically from small public water system wells in the region. CCRWQCB staff plan to establish a schedule of appointments with operators of small public water systems to collect groundwater samples from their wells. The Groundwater Protection Program (GWPP) of the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has been invited by the CCRWQCB to participate in this study. GWPP staff will use this opportunity to gain access to the wells and collect groundwater samples for subsequent analysis of various pesticide active ingredients listed in regulation on the Groundwater Protection List (Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 6800[a] and 6800[b]) and other active ingredients registered with DPR.

II. PERSONNEL

Well sampling will be conducted by the Environmental Monitoring Branch of DPR, under the general direction of Joy Dias. Project personnel include:

Project Leader/Senior Scientist:	Nels Ruud
Field Coordinator:	Kevin Richardson
Laboratory Liaison:	Sue Peoples
Analytical Chemistry:	Center for Analytical Chemistry, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

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III. SAMPLING AND ANALYTICAL METHODS

Twenty to forty wells are anticipated to be sampled during this study. Samples will be collected from the wells using the methods described in SOP FSWA001.02 (Nordmark and Herrig, 2011). Quality assurance samples will be collected in the field following the guidelines described in SOP QAQC001.00 (Segawa, 1995). Groundwater samples collected by GWPP staff will be sent to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Center for Analytical Chemistry for pesticide analysis. Samples collected from each well will be analyzed by the CDFA lab for the following three pesticide screens: 1) EMON-SM-05-032 (CDFA, 2016), 2) EMON-SM-05-037 (CDFA, 2017a), and 3) EMON-SM-05-040 (CDFA, 2017b). Analytical laboratory quality control will be conducted following the guidelines described in SOP QAQC001.00 (Segawa, 1995); although the current version of Assembly Bill (AB) 2021 no longer requires confirmation of detections of a pesticide in at least two discrete well samples nor verification of a pesticide detection by a second analytical method or an approved second analytical laboratory.

IV. DATA ANALYSIS

Results obtained from the CDFA Center for Analytical Chemistry will be used to assess current levels of the analyzed pesticides in the sampled aquifers. Follow up monitoring in areas around wells with pesticide detections will occur according to the Detection Response Process. A report of the results will be prepared. A letter report describing the results will be provided to participating property owners.

V. TIMETABLE

- April through July 2019: Conduct sampling
- August 2019: Obtain and review analytical results from CDFA laboratory
- September 2019: Review laboratory results and determine if additional sampling is necessary
- December 2019: Prepare report of findings
- Communication
 - Provide notice to the County Agricultural Commissioner prior to initiating monitoring in a county
 - Provide results to property owners within 30 days of receipt
 - Provide results to state and local agencies when sampling is concluded and results have been reviewed and approved by the project team

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