



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

November 29, 2007

Honorable Susan L. Biro
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Mail Code 1900L
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: UNIFIED WESTERN GROCERS, INC.
DOCKET NUMBER FIFRA-09-2007-0024
Complaint Filed: 09/11/2007
Proposed Penalty: \$538,200

Dear Judge Biro:

Pursuant to Section 22.21(a) of the Consolidated Rules of practice (40 C.F.R. Part 22), the above captioned matter is hereby referred to you for assignment of an Administrative Law Judge. In accordance therewith, a copy of EPA's Complaint and a copy of Respondent's Answer are enclosed.

Respondent is represented by:

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danielle E. Carr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Danielle" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Carr".

Danielle E. Carr
Regional Hearing Clerk

cc: M. Alkon
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