



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.

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Very truly yours,



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