

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

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u> <u>RECEIPT NO: 7005 3110 0002 8247 3418</u>

Date: SEP 1 8 2009

Mr. Rex Mehta President Dollar Store, Inc. 2021 Business Center Drive Irvine, CA 92612

Re: <u>Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act</u> <u>Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing</u> Docket No.: FIFRA-09-2009-0012

Dear Mr. Mehta:

Enclosed is a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing concerning violations of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act ("FIFRA"). Specifically, the Complaint alleges that Dollar Store, Inc. violated Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA by offering for sale unregistered pesticides.

You should be aware of the part of the Complaint entitled "Opportunity to Request a Hearing." You are required to respond to this Complaint within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Complaint. If you fail to file an Answer to this Complaint with the Regional Hearing Clerk within thirty (30) days of receipt, your failure shall constitute an admission of all facts alleged in the Complaint and a waiver of your right to a hearing. The proposed civil penalty shall become due and payable sixty (60) days after a final order is issued upon default.

Copies of the following rules and regulations are included for your information: (1) the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and (2) EPA's Enforcement Response Policy for the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, dated July 2, 1990. If you have any questions, please contact (or have your attorney contact) Mr. David Kim, Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX, ORC-2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105. Mr. Kim can be reached by telephone at (415) 972-3882.

Sincerely,

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Associate Director for Agriculture Communities and Ecosystems Division

Enclosures

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Cc: Glenna Lee, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency Pesticide Program DineNizhoni Hill, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency Pesticide Program Marlene Miller, California Department of Pesticide Regulation