



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
PESTICIDE INCIDENT REPORTING AND TRACKING REVIEW PANEL  
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July 30, 2009

The Honorable Peter Goldmark  
Commissioner of Public Lands  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Post Office Box 47001  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7001

Dear Commissioner Goldmark:

I am writing to request you appoint an alternate to Karen Ripley to represent the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the Pesticide Incident Reporting and Tracking Review (PIRT) Panel. The Panel was informed earlier this month that Wendy Brown will no longer be able to serve as the alternate member for DNR. In the interest of keeping our membership list whole the Panel is hopeful a new alternate member for DNR can be appointed in the near future.

The PIRT Panel acknowledges the difficult budget constraints facing all state agencies today and understands DNR's level of involvement with the PIRT Panel is likely to decrease at least over the short term. While the Panel will miss Karen Ripley's routine involvement with the Panel, we would like to see DNR's member and alternate positions filled so that as time allows DNR can continue to be fully represented on the Panel.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you or your staff have any questions regarding the PIRT Panel, please do not hesitate to call me at 360-236-3050.

Sincerely,

Gregg L. Grunenfelder, Assistant Secretary  
Department of Health  
PIRT Chairman