



STATE OF WASHINGTON
PESTICIDE INCIDENT REPORTING AND TRACKING REVIEW PANEL
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Dear Honorable Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is the Executive Summary from the 2008 Report prepared by the Pesticide Incident Reporting and Tracking (PIRT) Panel (RCW 70.104.070 through 70.104.090). This document summarizes the pesticide incidents and complaints investigated by the Departments of Health, Ecology, Labor and Industries, Agriculture, and the Washington Poison Center in 2007. It also includes important recent findings and recommendations of the PIRT Panel.

The PIRT Panel has approved the content of its full 2008 report, but internal review is still underway at the Department of Health and Office of Financial Management before production and distribution can ensue. We are sending this summary now to ensure that it reaches the Legislature in a timely manner. Unfortunately, some of the appendices that are referenced are not available at this time. The full report, including appendices, will follow soon. In the meantime, if you have questions about the PIRT Panel or content of this document, please contact us.

Thank you for your interest in policies and programs that enable safe, appropriate use of pesticides yet protect humans and the environment from potentially damaging pesticide exposure.

Sincerely,

Lz on behalf of Karen Ripley

Karen Ripley, Chair
Executive Summary Sub-Committee
Pesticide Incident Reporting and Tracking Panel

Enclosure: Executive Summary