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Subject: Retaining Dicofol Use on Mint

The following information is provided to you from the Western Integrated Pest Management Center regarding your request for information on the need to retain the use of dicofol on mint.

I contacted Rocky Lundy of the Mint Industry Research Council (mirc@gorge.net, 509-427-3601) regarding the use of dicofol on mint. He stated that the mint growers were interested in retaining this use but only if the REI could be again reduced. Growers require a shorter REI to allow for activities such as irrigating fields and conducting IPM scouting. In the reregistration process the REI for mint was increased to 30 days and this has rendered dicofol useless to growers. Growers would prefer that the REI be reduced to 7 days; however, dicofol could be used again if the REI were set at 10 days.

If you require further information on this, please contact Mr. Lundy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane M. Thomas".

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