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Subject: Malathion Use on Trees Grown for Pulp

The following information is provided to you from the Western Integrated Pest Management Center regarding your request for input on the need to retain the use of malathion on cottonwood/poplar trees grown in the Pacific Northwest for pulp production.

Alan Kottwitz of Boise Cascade (AlanKottwitz@BC.com, 509-544-6537) reports that they have not used malathion on poplar trees in at least eight years. They now have other alternatives that have proven efficacious.

I hope you find this information useful.

Sincerely,

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