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Subject: Oregon Department of Agriculture, Non-Agricultural Use Follow-up (NUF) # 200405 – Dean Innovations

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The following information is being provided on behalf of the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) to provide a status update on ODA Pesticide case 200405.

On May 16, 2020, a citizen reported to 211 her concern that garden soil delivered to her property was contaminated with pesticides after observing plant growth deformities. Over the next couple of days, several similar calls came in and were forwarded to ODA for follow-up.

On Tuesday, May, 19, 2020 an ODA investigator collected samples from customers and Dean Innovations and submitted them to ODA’s analytical laboratory for analysis. The samples will be analyzed for the following herbicide active ingredients: aminocyclopyrachlor, aminopyralid, clopyralid, and picloram. The results of the analysis will be shared when complete.

We are recommending that individuals who purchased soil/compost from Dean Innovations avoid moving or spreading the product until lab results are available. If you are interested in learning more about any of the active ingredients being analyzed, please consider contacting the [National Pesticide Information Center](#) (NPIC) housed at Oregon State University. NPIC has science communicators who are available to help members of the public understand complex scientific information about pesticides, toxicology, and risk. They can be reached at 1-800-858-7378, M-F, 8:00 am - noon PST, by email at npic@ace.orst.edu, or visit their website at npic.orst.edu.

ODA’s Citizen Advocate, Christina Higby, will serve as the Point of Contact (POC) if you have questions about this letter or the investigative process going forward. Please contact her at (503) 986-5105 or by email at chigby@oda.state.or.us and she would be happy to assist you.

ODA will provide periodic updates of the status of the investigation to interested parties. Information about the ODA Pesticides Program may be found at <https://oda.direct/PesticidesCurrentIssues>.

