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Subject: RICE Order

Joe and Margaret,

I didn't spend a lot of time reviewing the rice order and it's not a priority for groundwater protection, but I had two questions and/or suggestions that I hope you can respond to:

- 1) The maps included in the Rice GAR were great, but an overlay of some of the information would have been more helpful. Specifically, map 2-16 shows initial high vulnerability areas and DPR groundwater protection areas; it would have been helpful to have the monitoring information with that overlay, so we could understand what testing had been done specific to these identified areas. Just thinking ahead to the GARs for other areas where groundwater contamination is an issue.
- 2) There is only one mention of mercury in the report, referring to a table itemizing contaminants covered in the relevant basin plan. Is the potential for methylation from rice fields covered elsewhere? I thought it would be appropriate for this order.

Thank you!

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