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Subject: Chinese Chalk

Recently there has been some press regarding the availability, distribution and use of "Chinese chalk." This unregistered, and therefore illegal, insecticide product can be a potential health hazard, especially if it is mistaken for regular chalk by children.

The following websites provide further information:

http://www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/pest/chalk/

http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/archives/pressrls/1998/chalk.htm

http://ci.fort-worth.tx.us/DEM/ecc_badchalk.htm

http://www.ent.iastate.edu/ipm/hortnews/1999/2-5-1999/badchalk.html

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