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Dr. Pinkerton's interests focus on the health effects of airborne particles in an agricultural setting. His research focuses on the health effects of inhaled environmental air pollutants to alter respiratory, cardiovascular and neurological structure and function. Special areas of interest include the interaction of gases and airborne particles to produce cellular and structural changes within site-specific regions and cells of the respiratory tract in both acute and chronic timeframes of exposure.

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Marc B. Schenker, MD, MPH, is a Distinguished Professor of Public Health Sciences and Medicine at UC Davis. He is Founding Director of the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, the Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety, and the Migration and Health Research Center. His work has focused on numerous agricultural populations, including farmworkers and their families and farm owners and managers. His work has also focused on diverse causes of illness and injury, including agricultural dusts, pesticides, and heat. Dr. Schenker has focused attention of occupational health

researchers and epidemiologists on the global health disparities affecting immigrants, with particular attention to the occupational health outcomes among immigrant workers.

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Dr. McCurdy is a Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences. His research focuses on occupational hazards faced by farmworkers. He is currently studying the prevalence of sexual harassment of female farmworkers in California. He is the Director of Outreach for the Western Center of Agricultural Health and Safety and the Director of the UC Davis Master of Public Health Program.

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