



California Notice 2024-01

TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: Final Decision To Renew Pesticide Product Registrations For 2024

The Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), under Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) section 6255, files this notice of final decision to renew pesticide product registrations for the 2024 calendar year with the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency to be posted for a period of thirty (30) days for public inspection.

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR RENEWAL

Pesticide product registrations expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued. Annual renewal of pesticide registrations is a non-discretionary action that must be taken if a registrant submits a completed renewal application and fee within one month of the December 31 expiration date. (Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section, 12817; 3 CCR sections 6215-6216.) A completed renewal application includes a certification by the registrant stating that it submitted any factual or scientific evidence of an adverse effect or risk of the pesticide to human health or the environment to DPR. (3 CCR sections 6210 and 6215.) Upon receipt of a complete and timely renewal application, DPR is required to renew each pesticide product registration, regardless of reevaluation status, within sixty days, except if the Director separately cancelled the pesticide product registration after hearing. (FAC sections 12816, 12825, and 12827; 3 CCR section 6215.)

When DPR renews a pesticide product registration that is not already under reevaluation under 3 CCR section 6220, the Director shall make a written finding that he or she has not received and/or completed its review of sufficient information necessitating reevaluation at that time. (3 CCR section 6215; *Californians for Alternatives to Toxics v. Department of Pesticide Regulation (CATs v. DPR)* (2006) 136 Cal. App. 4th 1049, 1066.)

As part of DPR's program of continuous evaluation, DPR solicits and investigates information generally to identify and evaluate any potential significant adverse environmental impact stemming from use of a registered pesticide product. DPR's investigation of information, including any information submitted during the renewal comment period, and any possible subsequent decision regarding reevaluation or cancellation of a registered pesticide product, is not tied to the sixty-day time frame of annual renewal. (*CATs v. DPR* (2006) 136 Cal. App. 4th at 1066.)

COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION

On October 6, 2023, DPR issued California Notice 2023-12 proposing the decision to renew pesticide product registrations for the 2024 calendar year. DPR solicited public comments and consultation until November 5, 2023.

DPR received one comment from Jonathan Evans of the Center for Biological Diversity, including a letter dated November 3, 2023, requesting that DPR begin reevaluation, suspension, and/or cancellation proceedings for pesticide products containing paraquat. This letter contained references to additional public literature and studies and included the three letters sent to DPR in response to the 2022 renewal notice from the Center for Biological Diversity, Parkinson's Disease researchers and practitioners, and the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

As part of DPR's continuous evaluation, DPR scientists are currently reviewing the data and associated information received during the comment period in addition to what was received in 2022. The review is ongoing. DPR will respond in writing when the review is complete. DPR's decision regarding reevaluation, suspension, and/or cancellation of any or all products containing paraquat will follow the procedures outlined in FAC sections 12824, 12825, and 12826, and 3 CCR sections 6220-6226. Such a decision may be made at any time and is not linked in any way to the 60-day annual renewal period for the pesticide registrations that are subject to this final renewal decision.

DIRECTOR'S FINDING

The Director finds that for all pesticides proposed for renewal for the 2024 calendar year that are not currently in reevaluation, sufficient information has not been received necessitating the initiation of a separate reevaluation or cancellation, and/or DPR has not completed its review of available information to reach an informed separate decision regarding reevaluation or cancellation.

The Director's decision to renew the Certificates of Registration for pesticide products registered in California for the 2023 calendar year is therefore adopted under FAC section 12817.

Original signed by

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Date