



California Notice 2024-21

TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION TO RENEW PESTICIDE
PRODUCT REGISTRATIONS FOR 2025, DIRECTOR'S FINDING AND
PUBLIC REPORT

In accordance with Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) section 6253, the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) issues this Notice of Proposed Decision and Public Report to renew Certificates of Registration for pesticide products registered with DPR on December 31, 2024.

Public comments must be submitted no later than **December 9, 2024**, and should be directed to the following address:

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Department of Pesticide Regulation
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Contact regarding this notice can be made to the Pesticide Registration Branch at 916-445-4400.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

This is a proposed decision to renew Certificates of Registration for the year 2025 for pesticide products currently registered in California. Pesticide product registrations for the year 2024 will expire on December 31, 2024. If these Certificates of Registration are renewed, they will expire on December 31, 2025, unless DPR takes a separate action to cancel their registration under Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 12825.

The annual renewal of Certificates of Registration is a non-discretionary action that must be taken if certain requirements, as described in the regulatory framework below, are satisfied by the registrant. Pesticide products proposed for renewal under this notice can be found in a [DPR database](#) at <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/labelque.htm>. There are approximately 13,178 registered pesticides in this database.

This proposed decision solicits comments and consultation as part of DPR's continuous evaluation under FAC section 12824 to identify and evaluate any potential significant adverse environmental impact stemming from use of a registered pesticide. Information received may lead to a separate, subsequent decision to place the pesticide into reevaluation or, if a significant

adverse effect is identified that cannot be mitigated, to cancel the registration (3 CCR section 6215). DPR has no authority or ability to address such information through mitigation or other project changes to its renewal decision. Instead, as described below, DPR is required to renew a pesticide registration upon receipt of a complete and timely renewal application except when the Director, after hearing, has taken a separate action to cancel the registration [FAC sections 12816, 12825, and 12827 and 3 CCR section 6215(b)]. DPR must do so regardless of reevaluation status or outcome.

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR RENEWAL

Certificates of Registration expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued, and a registrant must submit a renewal application and fee within one month of the December 31 expiration date (FAC section 12817). A completed renewal application includes a certification by the registrant that any factual or scientific evidence of an adverse effect or risk of the pesticide to human health or the environment has been submitted to DPR (3 CCR section 6210). Upon receipt of a complete and timely application, DPR is required to renew each pesticide registration within sixty days, except when the Director, after hearing, has taken a separate action to cancel the registration [FAC sections 12816, 12825, and 12827 and 3 CCR section 6215(b)].

CONTINUOUS EVALUATION

Before a substance is initially registered as a pesticide, DPR conducts a thorough evaluation (FAC section 12824). Once a product is registered, it is subject to continuous evaluation (FAC section 12824 and 3 CCR sections 6220-6226). At any time, DPR may evaluate a registered pesticide. DPR must investigate all reported episodes and information received that indicate a pesticide may have caused, or is likely to cause, a significant adverse impact, or that indicate there is an alternative to the product that may significantly reduce an adverse environmental impact (3 CCR section 6220). If the Director finds from the investigation that a significant adverse impact has occurred, is likely to occur, or such an alternative is available, the pesticide involved must be reevaluated (3 CCR section 6220). Information regarding active reevaluations can be found on [DPR's Web site](http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/reevals.htm) <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/reevals.htm>.

The initiation of a reevaluation is generally subject to a separate public notice, public comment period, and a public semi-annual report requirement. During the reevaluation, DPR must determine if the pesticide should be classified as a restricted material under FAC section 14004.5; and if additional restrictions on use are necessary; or if action should be taken to cancel or suspend the pesticide. DPR posts [proposed and final reevaluation decisions and semi-annual reports](http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/reevals.htm) at <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/reevals.htm>. However, regardless of reevaluation status or outcome, DPR must renew a product unless the Director, after hearing, has cancelled the pesticide product registration. If DPR determines continued use of a product has a significant adverse effect that cannot be mitigated, DPR must still renew the product, but may initiate the cancellation process with the option to suspend the registration pending cancellation (FAC sections 12825 and 12826).

On October 6, 2023, DPR issued California Notice 2023-12 proposing the decision to renew pesticide product registrations for the 2024 calendar year. DPR received 1 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. DPR intends to release the investigative documents related to these comments before the end of the year.

On September 27, 2024, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1963 (Chapter 688, Statutes of 2024). This act adds sections 14085 and 14086 to the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) and requires DPR to complete a reevaluation of paraquat dichloride (paraquat) before January 1, 2029. The law required DPR to open a reevaluation of pesticide products containing paraquat, which it did on November 6, 2024. DPR will request additional data if needed to determine whether current uses of these products pose unacceptable risks to human health or the environment, and whether additional restrictions on use, including cancellation, are necessary.

DIRECTOR'S FINDINGS

At this point in time, the Director finds, for all products proposed for renewal that are not currently under reevaluation, sufficient information has not been received necessitating the initiation of a separate reevaluation or cancellation process. This proposed action to renew Certificates of Registration of pesticide products currently registered in California maintains the status quo and, therefore, will not cause either a direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment that constitutes a significant adverse environmental effect. As a result, and due to the ministerial nature of this project, DPR did not consider alternatives or mitigation measures.

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11/07/2024

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