



# Department of Pesticide Regulation



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TO: County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF THE STATE PESTICIDE USE REPORTING SYSTEM  
INITIATIVE

Due to budget constraints, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is terminating the State Pesticide Use Reporting System (SPURS) initiative. While the improvement to the pesticide use report (PUR) and restricted materials permit (RMP) programs has been of paramount importance to DPR, the county agricultural commissioners (CACs), and the public, we are unable to obtain sufficient funds to implement SPURS. We have also found that the rapid changes in technology have allowed some counties to move further ahead in a shorter period of time than what we can offer.

We have learned many valuable lessons from our efforts to finalize and implement a complete replacement of the existing pesticide use reporting system. Bringing closure to the SPURS initiative is a transitional step in DPR's commitment to improve the PUR and RMP programs. To this end, DPR is committed to partnering with the CACs to explore opportunities to improve these programs.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mark Rentz, DPR's Deputy Director of Policy Coordination, at (916) 324-0614 or <mrentz@cdpr.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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