

## **PESTICIDE USE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM STANDARDS COMPENDIUM**

Regulating pesticides in California is a joint responsibility of the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and county agricultural commissioners (CACs). Section 2281 of the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) provides that DPR is responsible for overall statewide enforcement and for issuing instructions and making recommendations to the CACs. The CACs are responsible for local administration of the pesticide use enforcement program. Several other sections of the FAC (11501.5, 12977, 12982, 14004.5, and 15201) state that the CACs work under the direction and supervision of the Director.

The contents of this volume supercede any position or direction on these subjects contained in previous letters to CACs or earlier manuals. Omitted items not in conflict with directions or positions contained in the compendium may, however, continue to be used for interim guidance. DPR reserves the right to re-examine omitted topics and may readopt them or develop a new position or direction when necessary.

It should be noted that the procedures described in this document are intended solely for the guidance of employees of DPR and CACs. They do not constitute rule making by DPR. DPR and CACs may deviate from these procedures provided the deviation does not adversely impact the effectiveness of the county pesticide enforcement program or hinder effectiveness of DPR in fulfilling its responsibilities for the overall statewide enforcement program oversight

New and updated procedures, policies, and interpretations will be issued in the form of updates to the Compendium. Suggestions for changes, additions, or deletions to the Compendium should be made to DPR. The Compendium will be the reference against which county programs are evaluated. County performance can impact the mil assessment distribution money it receives.

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