

Comments from Cal/EPA's Environmental Justice Workshop
Focus: Department of Pesticide Regulation Pilot Project
Fresno
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Overview of Cal/EPA Action Plan

Stakeholder Comments

- The comment period should be extended so it doesn't conflict with the holiday season
- Urban pesticide use should be a factor for selecting the community
- Monitor for criteria air pollutants
- Select a community where pesticide drift has been a problem such as Earlimart or Arvin

Department of Pesticide Regulation/Central Valley Pilot Project

Stakeholder Comments

- DPR's pilot project should consider urban pesticide usage (e.g. pesticides use in or at schools)
- DPR's pilot project should focus on areas that have experienced pesticide drift incidences
- DPR's pilot project should consider not just pesticides, but also toxic air contaminants
- How will community involvement take place?
- When considering cumulative impacts, are you going to be looking only at criteria pollutants or will you also consider toxics?
- Recommend looking into ozone and particulate matter
- How are you going to use pesticide usage reports, especially since they do not report every usage?
- How many pesticides could be monitored?

Public Participation

Stakeholder Comments

None

Cumulative Impacts

Stakeholder Comments

- When you select a community for the project, how will cumulative impacts be address if the lead agency is, for example, DPR? How will air, water, toxic, etc. be included?
- Where did staff get the definition they used for USEPA?
- How can multi-media cumulative impacts analysis be conducted where there are problems with even evaluating the cumulative impacts in a single environmental media?

- Will Cal/EPAS adopt the definition of cumulative impacts that is used in the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee's Recommendations Report?
- How are Cal/EPA BDOs going to do cumulative risk reduction studies?
- How will the definition of cumulative impact and precautionary approaches be crafted?
- What steps will Cal/EPA take to make sure that the process is followed, specifically notifying and involving the public?