

NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL HEARING AND
EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES IN REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION
Pesticide Use Near Schoolsites
DPR Regulation No. 16-004

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) published a Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action pertaining to pesticide use near schoolsites, in the *California Regulatory Notice Register* of September 30, 2016, Register 2016, No. 40-Z, pages 1747-1750. In summary, the proposed action would require growers to notify public K-12 schools, child day care facilities, and county agricultural commissioners when certain pesticide applications made for the production of an agricultural commodity near a schoolsite are planned in the coming year and also a few days prior to the applications. In addition, certain pesticide applications near these schoolsites will be prohibited at certain times.

The original Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action included two public hearings to receive oral comments regarding the proposed adoption of sections 6690, 6691, 6692, and 6693 of Title 3, California Code of Regulations.¹

DATE: Tuesday, November 15, 2016
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center
Oxnard Room
800 Hobson Way
Oxnard, California 93030

DATE: Wednesday, November 16, 2016
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Tulare Veterans Memorial Building
1771 E. Tulare Avenue
Tulare, California 93274

DPR has scheduled an additional public hearing from that which was in the original Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action. A public hearing will be held in Salinas, California.

DATE: Thursday, December 1, 2016
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Salinas Sports Complex
Exhibition Mall
1034 N. Main Street
Salinas, California 93906

¹ If you have special accommodation or language needs, please provide advance notice.

A DPR representative will preside at each hearing. Persons who wish to speak will be asked to register before the hearing. The registration of speakers will be conducted at the location of the hearing from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Generally, registered persons will be heard in the order of their registration. Any other person who wishes to speak at the hearing will be afforded the opportunity to do so after the registered persons have been heard. If the number of registered persons in attendance warrants, the hearing officer may limit the time for each presentation in order to allow everyone wishing to speak the opportunity to be heard. Oral comments presented at a hearing carry no more weight than written comments.

Additionally, DPR is hereby giving notice that it is extending the public comment period on this matter from November 17, 2016 to December 9, 2016.

Any interested person may present comments in writing about the proposed action to the agency contact person named below. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2016. Comments regarding this proposed action may also be transmitted via e-mail <dpr16004@cdpr.ca.gov> or by facsimile at 916-324-1491. Written comments about the proposed regulatory action, requests for a copy of the Initial Statement of Reasons and the proposed text of the regulation, and inquiries regarding the rulemaking file may be directed to:

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This Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the proposed text of the regulation are also available on DPR's Internet Home Page (<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>).

DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION

Director