



Departmental Organization

The Department of Pesticide Regulation includes a single programmatic division, the Pesticide Programs Division, with seven branches. A second division, Administrative Services, provides general support through three branches.

Pesticide Programs Division

A pesticide must be registered (licensed) with DPR before it can be sold or used in California. The **Registration Branch** coordinates the required evaluation process for registration decisions. Branch scientists share data review responsibilities with staff scientists in other branches. The Branch oversees call-ins of data, and maintains product label files and the pesticide data library.

DPR requires a registrant to submit data on a product's potential health effects. The **Medical Toxicology Branch** reviews toxicology studies and prepares risk assessments, scientific estimates of the likelihood that an adverse health effect will result from exposure to a particular amount (dose) of a pesticide or pesticides.

The **Worker Health and Safety Branch** characterizes human exposure, assesses safety, designs and conducts field studies to better evaluate exposure to pesticides, and develops risk reduction mechanisms when needed. Branch scientists analyze county investigations of pesticide-related illnesses and investigate unsafe conditions in workplaces where pesticides are used.

The **Enforcement Branch** enforces pesticide laws and regulations, manages the nation's largest state produce residue monitoring program, does outreach, and conducts compliance assessment and assistance. Field use enforcement is largely carried out by county agricultural commissioners and their staffs (about 400 biologists). Enforcement Branch staff provide training, coordination, supervision, and technical support. DPR supports local enforcement with specified funds from the mill assessment on pesticide sales.

The **Environmental Monitoring Branch** monitors the environment to determine the fate of pesticides, protecting the public and the environment from pesticide contamination through analyzing hazards and developing pollution prevention strategies.

The **Pest Management and Licensing Branch** evaluates pesticide and pest management problems and provides information to develop new strategies that reduce adverse environmental impacts and hazards from pesticide use. The Branch also oversees licensing and certification of dealers, pesticide brokers, agricultural pest control advisers, pest control businesses, and applicators. It also manages the Endangered Species Program, which includes mitigation development and outreach, and collects, reviews, analyzes and publishes pesticide use reporting data.



To ensure pesticides have California registration, specialists from DPR's **Product Compliance Branch** (and from Pesticide Enforcement Branch) conduct inspections wherever pesticides are sold. When violations of sales, labeling, or registration are found, the Product Compliance Branch takes the lead in investigating the violation. The Branch also audits pesticide registrants, dealers and brokers, and others selling pesticide products into or within California to ensure that they have paid required fees on their sales.

The **Administrative Services Division** includes the Fiscal Services and Business Operations Branch, Information Technology Branch, and Personnel Services Branch.

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