

Public Comment Template:

RE: Imidacloprid Groundwater Detection – CA Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act (PCPA)

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on **Imidacloprid Groundwater Detection – CA Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act (PCPA)**. I am Kim Wilenius, manager of C&M Nursery in San Luis Obispo county, California.

We are a citrus nursery, who depends on imidacloprid injected into our irrigation water applied to our citrus grown in nursery pots to protect our nursery trees against Asian Citrus Psyllid, which can carry the deadly HLB (citrus greening disease). We are regulated by CDFA and USDA to use this crop protectant. Imidacloprid is the most important chemical tool that we have to achieve protection from this dangerous pest.

If used according to label, no or little imidacloprid is leached out of the nursery pots, since it is adhered to the nursery potting soil. Contaminating groundwater is not an issue with this use. Many other types of container nurseries also use this product for protection of many pests. Losing its use because of canceled registration or severe restrictions would be devastating to us and other businesses like ours.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Kim Wilenius

Manager of C&M Nursery

Submit by February 18, 2022 via e-mail to PCPA.Comments@cdpr.ca.gov or mail to:

***PCPA Imidacloprid Comments
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