Collaboration Between DPR and Water Boards to Protect Groundwater from Pesticides

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Presentation Overview

- Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act (AB 2021)
- Water Boards responsibilities
- GAMA pesticide data
- Pesticides in GeoTracker
- GeoTracker GAMA screen shots





Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act (AB 2021 - 1985)

Requires DPR to:

 Prevent further pesticide pollution of the state's groundwater

As part of this work, DPR:

- Obtains, reports and analyzes the results of well sampling for pesticides conducted by public agencies
- Presents this information in the annual Well Sampling Report



Water Boards Responsibilities

Water Boards collaborate with DPR by providing:

- Summary of GAMA and Regional Water Board groundwater pesticide findings
- New detections of pesticides in groundwater
- Recent actions taken to prevent pesticides from migrating to groundwater

This information is compiled in the State Water Board Response to Detection Report





GAMA Pesticide Data

- Data from over 2,400 mostly public supply wells for over 120 pesticides
- Detections above health-based threshold reported to Division of Drinking Water
- GAMA detection limits for tracers are lower than health-based thresholds

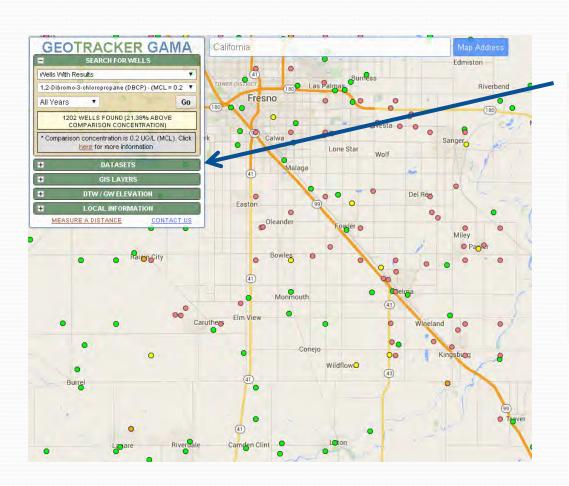


Pesticides in GeoTracker GAMA

- Many wells are sampled for pesticides
 - **Herbicides** Simazine, Atrazine, Metolachlor, Prometon, Tebuthiuron, Bromacil, and Norflurazon
 - Insecticides Diazinon, Dieldrin, Dinoseb, Lindane, and Carbaryl
 - Fumigant DBCP
 - Many more
 - Available in GeoTracker GAMA



GeoTracker GAMA Datasets

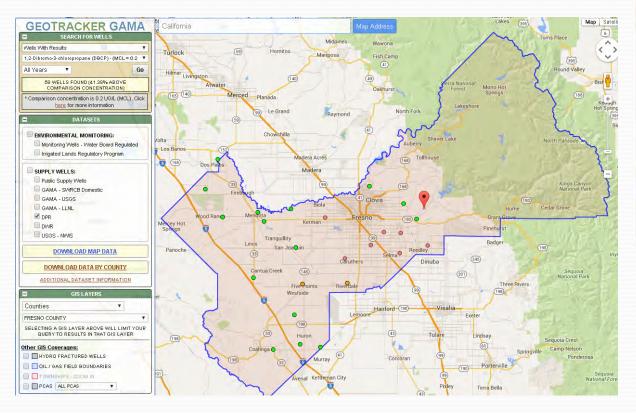


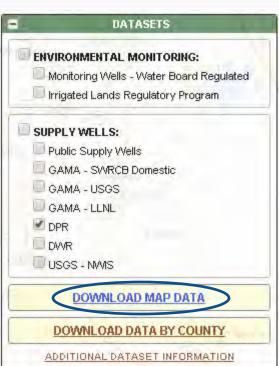




Pesticide Data Access

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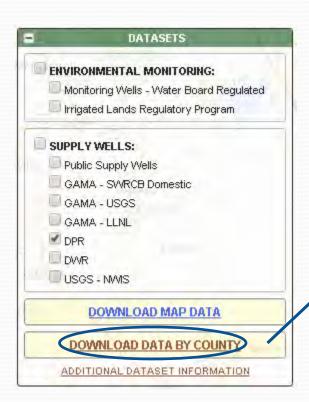




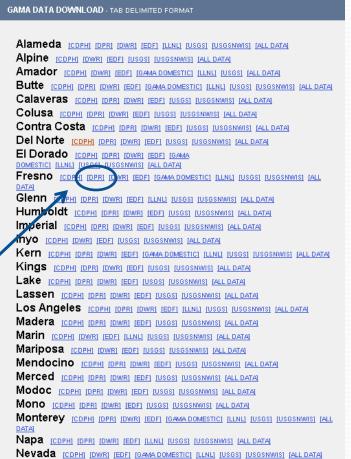


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Download Data by County

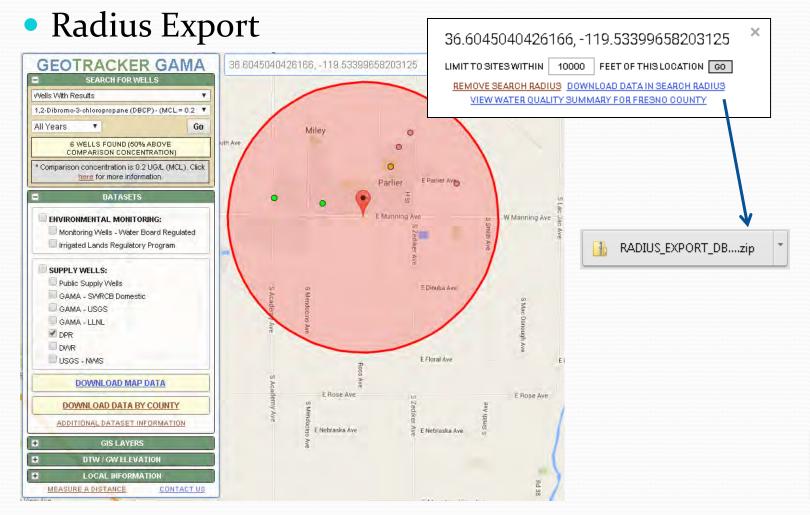








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