



# Department of Pesticide Regulation

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TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AND EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE PROPOSED POLLINATOR PROTECTION MITIGATION MEASURES FOR USE OF NITROGUANIDINE-SUBSTITUTED NEONICOTINOIDS IN AGRICULTURAL CROPS

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) held webinars on August 11 and 12, 2020, to gather feedback from the public and other stakeholders on proposed pollinator protection mitigation measures for uses of the nitroguanidine-substituted neonicotinoids in agricultural crops. To provide additional background information on the proposal, DPR has made the following additional materials available:

- a. DPR contracted with the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Office of Pesticide Consultation and Analysis to provide an economic analysis of various mitigation alternatives. The first economic analysis report, dated August 26, 2019, is based on DPR's Neonicotinoid Risk Determination document and estimates the economic effects of the theoretical prohibition of high risk uses of four neonicotinoid insecticides on nine major California commodities. The second economic analysis report, dated July 29, 2020, is based on the specific mitigation measure proposal and estimates the economic effects of the proposed regulations to mitigate the risk to bees of four neonicotinoid insecticides on eight major California commodities.

The report titled "Economic and pest management evaluation of nitroguanidine-substituted neonicotinoid insecticides: nine major California commodities," dated August 26, 2019, is available at <[https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/oefi/opca/docs/CDFFA-neonic-report\\_2019\\_0826.pdf](https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/oefi/opca/docs/CDFFA-neonic-report_2019_0826.pdf)>

The report titled "Economic and pest management evaluation of nitroguanidine-substituted neonicotinoid insecticides: eight major California commodities," dated July 29, 2020, is available at <[https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/oefi/opca/docs/CDFFA-neonic-report\\_2020\\_0729.pdf](https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/oefi/opca/docs/CDFFA-neonic-report_2020_0729.pdf)>

- b. "Additional Information Related to the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR's) 2018 California Neonicotinoid Risk Determination and Addendum" memorandum dated February 3, 2020. Document available at <[https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/chemicals/neonicotinoids\\_additonal\\_information\\_memo.pdf](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/chemicals/neonicotinoids_additonal_information_memo.pdf)>

In addition to the materials noted above, the webinars were recorded and the videos will be made available on the neonicotinoid reevaluation webpage at

<https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/chemicals/neonicotinoids.htm>

### **EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD**

The comment period for the draft mitigation proposal was scheduled to close on September 11, 2020. DPR understands the complexity of the draft mitigation proposal that addresses four active ingredients over a wide range of commodities. Therefore, to provide more time to review the proposal and the additional materials noted above, DPR is extending the comment period. Feedback on the proposal will now be accepted until October 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm PDT.

Comments and feedback can be made by e-mail to [neonics@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:neonics@cdpr.ca.gov) or by leaving a voicemail message at 916-445-0003.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Russell Darling at [Russell.Darling@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:Russell.Darling@cdpr.ca.gov) or at 916-324-3547.

  
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