TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVE INGREDIENT WORKLOAD ASSIGNMENTS

On August 4, 2023, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) issued California Notice 2023-09, “Changes to Pesticide Registration Branch Workload Assignments and Upcoming Webinar on August 23, 2023.” This notice informed stakeholders the Pesticide Registration Branch (PRB) will be implementing Regulatory Scientist (RS) workload assignment changes for all new product registration and amendment applications in two phases. PRB implemented phase 1, RS team-based assignments, on September 18, 2023. California Notice 2023-09 states phase 2, active ingredient (AI)-based team workload assignments, will be implemented on January 1, 2024.

DPR is postponing the implementation of phase 2, AI-based team workload assignments, until further notice. DPR will continue to operate under phase 1 while it actively works towards creating a balanced workload distribution of AIs for each RS team. DPR anticipates the implementation of AI-based team workload assignments in the first quarter of 2024 and will issue a subsequent California Notice when additional information is available.

If you have questions regarding this notice or the team-based assignments by AIs, please contact Russell Darling, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), at 916-324-3547 or at <Russell.Darling@cdpr.ca.gov>.

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