



California Notice 2025-11

TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: Announcement of a New Regulatory Scientist Team – Team Pine

The Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) Pesticide Registration Branch (PRB) is pleased to announce the formation of a new regulatory scientist team, Team Pine.

The formation of Team Pine is supported by the fiscal year 2024–25 State Budget, which included 31.2 new positions to strengthen DPR's pesticide registration and evaluation programs. Formation of Team Pine is aligned with DPR's ongoing efforts to improve efficiency and transparency of the pesticide registration process. This addition builds upon the team-based workload structure implemented in 2023, which assigned submissions based on active ingredients (AIs) to one of four teams - Cedar, Maple, Oak, and Redwood. The addition of Team Pine reflects DPR's commitment to maintaining balanced workloads, supporting the increasing volume of submissions, and ensuring timely and thorough scientific review.

## Effective Date and Implementation

Effective October 31, 2025, PRB will change team assignments by redistributing AI assignments over the five regulatory teams, including Team Pine. On this date, Team Pine will begin receiving new product and amendment applications, and CalPEST will continue to automatically assign submissions to each team based on the AIs in the pesticide product. Additionally, all pending submissions containing AIs newly assigned to Team Pine received before October 31, 2025, and have not been assigned to a Regulatory Scientist, will be reassigned to Team Pine's workload. The registrant will receive a CalPEST Assignment Update e-mail for each submission that is reassigned to Team Pine. Any reassigned pending submissions will maintain their original received date and will be reviewed in that order.

Also, effective October 31, 2025, DPR will update its list of AI assignments. The AI assignments list can be accessed by navigating to the [CalPEST Public Search](https://calpest.cdpr.ca.gov/calpest-public-search/) <calpest.cdpr.ca.gov/calpest-public-search/> page, selecting the Search for Chemical Ingredient Using Multiple Variables, and then clicking submit. The contact team can also be verified using the Chemical Ingredient Search based on individual chemical names or codes, or by selecting additional search parameters (such as Search by Chemical Status: Active Products), if desired, and clicking submit. The resulting table can be Exported to Excel and filtered based on Contact Team. The AI assignment process will follow the same decision tree outlined in California Notice 2024-02.

## Contact Information

Below are the five team names and contact information. Registrants are encouraged to contact the team e-mails for questions regarding their submissions until the submission is assigned to a Registration Scientist.

1. Team Cedar: [PRB.Team.Cedar@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:PRB.Team.Cedar@cdpr.ca.gov)
2. Team Maple: [PRB.Team.Maple@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:PRB.Team.Maple@cdpr.ca.gov)
3. Team Oak: [PRB.Team.Oak@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:PRB.Team.Oak@cdpr.ca.gov)
4. Team Pine: [PRB.Team.Pine@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:PRB.Team.Pine@cdpr.ca.gov)
5. Team Redwood: [PRB.Team.Redwood@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:PRB.Team.Redwood@cdpr.ca.gov)

For general questions about the registration process or to request a pre-submission meeting, please continue to use the resources and contact information provided in [California Notice 2024-02](#) <[cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/ca2024-02.pdf](http://cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/ca2024-02.pdf)>.

## Looking Ahead

DPR remains committed to transparency and stakeholder engagement. Additional updates, including any changes to AI assignments or team structures, will be communicated through future California Notices and posted on DPR's Pesticide Registration Contacts webpage.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the Registration Ombudsperson at [Registration.Ombudsperson@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:Registration.Ombudsperson@cdpr.ca.gov).

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