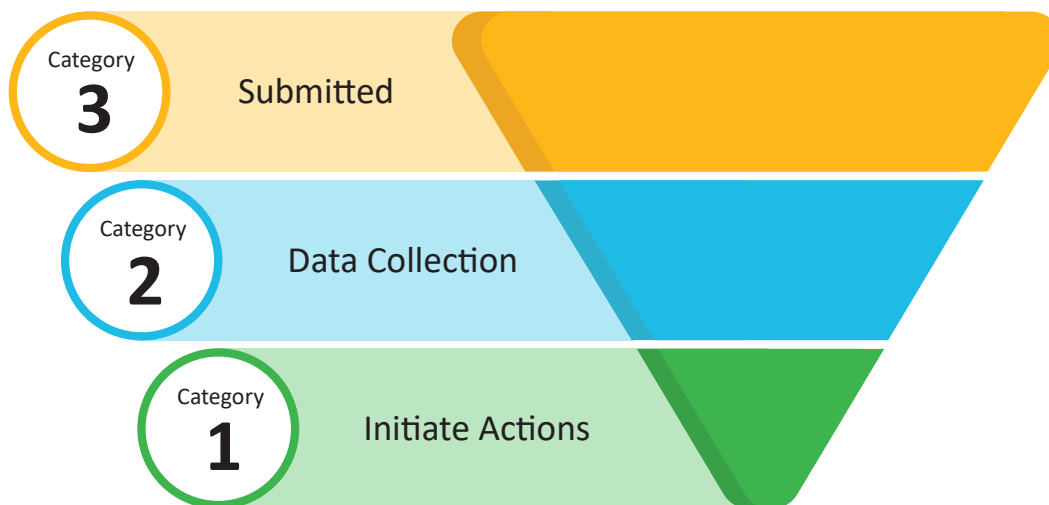


Scientific Prioritization and Review Committee (SPARC) and DPR Prioritization of Pesticide Actions

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) new, scientific advisory committee will advise DPR on prioritizing actions associated with continuous evaluation and mitigation.

The Scientific Prioritization and Review Committee, or SPARC, will provide science-based recommendations to inform DPR's transparent, data-driven process for identifying and addressing potential risks to human health and the environment from pesticide use. SPARC will serve as a public forum for discussing recommendations to DPR on initiating priority actions, including human health and environmental risk assessments, alternatives assessment, and mitigation.

How a Pesticide is Prioritized for Action



Category 3: Submissions

SPARC members and the public may submit pesticides for DPR to consider. All submissions are initially categorized as Category 3 and will be posted publicly along with summary information.



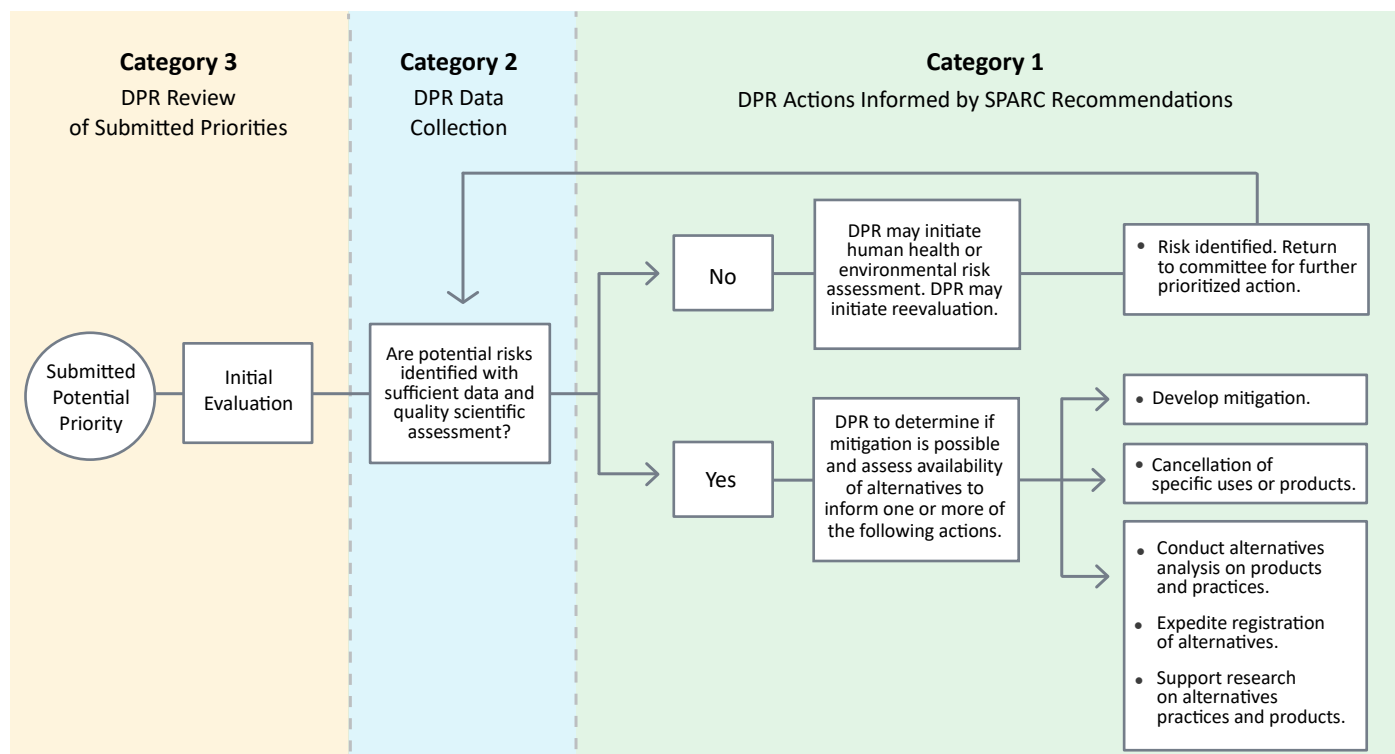
Category 2: Review and discussion

DPR selects a subset of Category 3 submissions for further review based on combination of toxicity data, use information, and exposure data. Category 2 pesticides are discussed at SPARC meetings, where the committee provides feedback on scientific evidence, data gaps and relative priority.



Category 1: Department action

SPARC will select up to four potential priorities per year for recommended action. DPR's adoption of any recommendations are reflected in DPR's [Continuous Evaluation and Mitigation Update Table](#), which will outline the actions that DPR is taking on each pesticide.



What SPARC will do

SPARC will serve in an advisory capacity to:

- Provide science-based recommendations on relative priority of potential continuous evaluation or mitigation actions.
- Provide input on identification of data gaps, scope of scientific assessment, and feasibility of alternatives.
- Help DPR identify where early investments in alternatives may be needed

DPR's final decisions on priority actions will be reflected in the [Continuous Evaluation and Mitigation Update Table](#), which will be updated at least annually.

SPARC will include up to 15 external members with scientific and practitioner expertise in specific fields.

All SPARC meetings will be open to the public and include opportunities for public comment. Meeting links and documents will be posted on the [SPARC webpage](#).



SPARC website QR code