



California Notice 2026-04

TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF TOTAL RELEASE FOGGERS AND INTENT TO BEGIN REEVALUATION

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has undertaken and concluded an investigation into reports of potentially significant injuries related to the indoor use of Total Release Foggers (TRF) pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 3, section 6220.

Based on the evidence and the findings, the Director intends to issue a Decision to begin reevaluation on or about June 29, 2026, of TRF products containing one or more of the active ingredients: cyfluthrin, cypermethrin, esfenvalerate, etofenprox, etoxazole, n-octyl bicycloheptene dicarboximide, permethrin, piperonyl butoxide, pyrethrins, pyriproxyfen, s-methoprene, and tetramethrin. This reevaluation would involve 20 registrants and 42 pesticide products currently registered in California.

In the interest of transparency, DPR is providing both the completed investigation report and list of products intended for inclusion in the reevaluation, provided as attachments below, and invites comments prior to issuing a decision. For certain recent past reevaluations, DPR issued a proposed decision to begin reevaluation, followed by a comment period, and then a final decision along with written responses to comments. A decision to begin reevaluation is the initial step in DPR's decision regarding whether the continued use of a pesticide under its current use restrictions is warranted given its potential impacts, and is not a final decision. 3 CCR 6253 requires a decision to begin reevaluation to be posted for public review and comment for 30 days. Under 3 CCR 6224, DPR determines, after the reevaluation has begun, if the pesticide should be classified as a restricted material and if additional restrictions on use are necessary, or if action pursuant to FAC sections 12824, 12825, or 12826 should be taken. Any comments received regarding a decision to begin reevaluation will be addressed in this final determination.

To ensure registrants and the public can participate in a decision to begin reevaluation, DPR is providing this pre-decisional opportunity to receive feedback from the affected community and the public.

Interested persons may submit comments on the investigation and intent to begin reevaluation of TRFs. DPR will accept comments by mail and SmartComment up to and including June 27, 2026. Comments can be submitted electronically via [SmartComment](#), the department's public comments website <cdpr.commentinput.com?id=udemDJ5jp>. Comments submitted by U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than June 27, 2026, and mailed to the Department of Pesticide Regulation, Pesticide Registration Branch, 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, California 95812-4015.

For information regarding the investigation and intent to begin reevaluation of TRFs, please contact Mr. Ajay Kumar, Environmental Scientist, at <TRF@cdpr.ca.gov> or at 916-445-6941.

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Attachments (4):

1. [Pesticide Investigation into Reported Illnesses Related to Total Release Foggers \(TRFs\) - English](#) <cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/total_release_foggers_pesticide_investigation_memo.pdf>
2. [Pesticide Investigation into Reported Illnesses Related to Total Release Foggers \(TRFs\) - Spanish](#) <cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/total_release_foggers_pesticide_investigation_memo_sp.pdf>
3. [List of Products Included in the Impending TRF Reevaluation - English](#) <cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/total_release_foggers_products.pdf>
4. [List of Products Included in the Impending TRF Reevaluation - Spanish](#) <cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/total_release_foggers_products_sp.pdf>