



What We Do at DPR

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) protects people and the environment by regulating pesticides and advancing safer, more sustainable pest management across the state. We are committed to transparent, science-based decisions that advance statewide outcomes and ensure pest management is safe, effective, and sustainable for all Californians and our environment.

OUR VALUES

Accountability, Collaboration, Continuous Improvement, and Integrity guide all of our work. We are committed to transparency, scientific rigor, and meaningful engagement with Californians, including regular meetings with the public, stakeholders, and our department's scientific and advisory committees.



Fostering Sustainable Pest Management (SPM)

We lead California's transition to sustainable pest management, a systems-based approach that builds on Integrated Pest Management and considers human health, environmental protection, social equity, and economic impacts.



Reviewing Pesticides Before They Can Be Used

Our scientific experts thoroughly evaluate pesticides before they are allowed for use in California. We have modernized this process to ensure reviews are more efficient, and responsive, while maintaining a science-based review—helping safer alternatives reach the market sooner.



Monitoring and Reducing Ongoing Risks

After a pesticide is approved, we continue to evaluate its safety. We review new data and monitor air, groundwater, and surface water to identify potential risks and determine when additional protections or restrictions are needed to keep people safe.



Enforcing Pesticide Laws Statewide

We oversee and guide the pesticide enforcement work carried out by County Agricultural Commissioners. We also license and certify professional pesticide applicators, test produce for pesticide residues, and provide education to farmworkers and communities.