

As a researcher studying the fate, transport, and effects of pesticides in the environment it would be very useful for DPR to track the use of seed treated pesticides like other pesticide applications. The lack of knowledge about where treated seeds are planted and which pesticide active ingredients are on the treated seeds effects both sampling study design (when and where to collect samples) and data interpretation (contribution of seed treatments versus other applications to environmental occurrence). Adding seed treatments to DPRs detailed Pesticide Use Reporting (PUR) provides a more complete picture regarding pesticide use in California.

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