

## Pesticide Registration and Evaluation

For 30 years, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, or DPR, has served a vital role: Protect human health and the environment for all Californians.

Before they are sold or used in California, all pesticides must be registered with DPR.

A pesticide is a chemical used to prevent or repel pests including insects, rodents, weeds and germs.

While some pesticides are used in agricultural settings, many are used every day in homes, schools and backyards.

This includes products like bathroom cleaners, anti-bacterial wipes, and pool and spa chlorine.

Registering a pesticide product is a rigorous process.

It involves evaluating potential adverse effects on humans and the environment.

DPR's Registration Branch works closely with toxicologists, biologists, chemists and other scientists from many disciplines on the DPR team to develop scientific assessments for pesticides sold or used in California.

DPR scientists continue to evaluate new information related to pesticides, including new or revised regulatory actions from other government agencies.

This process is called "continuous evaluation" and provides DPR with a scientific foundation to take appropriate action for the protection of California's residents, communities and farm workers.

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