



California Notice 2022-11

TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: REPRIORITIZATION OF SUBMISSIONS

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Pesticide Registration Branch (PRB) is responsible for the pesticide registration process, including coordinating the evaluation of scientific data by other DPR branches and state agencies to support product registration and amendment. Submissions for new products and amendments for currently registered products are processed by DPR in the order they are received. When DPR receives a new submission, it is assigned a Tracking ID number specific to that submission based on the order it is received. This Tracking ID number allows a company's representative to monitor the progress of their submission throughout the review process.

In the past, upon request, DPR allowed companies to informally reprioritize the positions of their own submissions in the review queue. However, DPR cannot change the position of a submission in its tracking system; therefore, the regulatory scientist (RS) must manually track this and inform each scientific evaluation station(s) if the exchanged submissions enter the formal evaluation process. This shift in priorities disrupts the workflow of the RS and the scientific evaluation station(s) and can lead to delays.

Effective July 1, 2022, DPR will no longer allow companies to reprioritize their submissions in the review queue. DPR will only process submissions in the order they are received unless a company receives Pesticide Registration Branch Chief approval to reprioritize their submissions. To request approval, the company must send a letter to the Pesticide Registration Branch Chief clearly stating: (1) the two products to be reprioritized (including the EPA Registration Numbers and Tracking ID numbers); and (2) the justification for the reprioritization of the company's submissions. The company will be notified of DPR's decision and, if approved, the company will receive confirmation of the submission reprioritization.

This policy change will assist DPR with streamlining its registration process and increase efficiencies to reduce overall submission processing timeframes. If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the Pesticide Registration Branch Ombudsman, Mr. Aron Lindgren at <Registration.Ombudsman@cdpr.ca.gov> or by telephone at 916-324-3563.

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