

Department of Pesticide Regulation

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TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXTENSION TO THE INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING PRELIMINARY REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE REEVALUATION OF PARAQUAT

On November 6, 2024, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) initiated a reevaluation of pesticide products containing the active ingredient paraquat dichloride (paraquat) as required by the California State Legislature in Assembly Bill (AB) 1963.

Following evaluation of submitted human health and environmental data, DPR drafted and posted preliminary paraquat human health and ecological reports detailing the findings of the scientific review. These reports can be found on DPR's Web site at <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/chemicals/paraquat.htm>. In response to multiple requests for an extension to provide comments on these documents, DPR is extending the comment period up to and including March 17, 2025.

DPR is also requesting input on critical uses of paraquat and currently available, effective alternatives.

Interested persons may submit comments pertaining to the preliminary paraquat reports or critical uses and currently available, effective alternatives to DPR's online comment portal located on DPR's Web site at: cdpr.cammentinput.com/?id=9EJdcpGMC or via email to cdpr.ca.gov.

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For more information regarding the reevaluation process, please contact Mr. Andrew Turcotte at 916-445-4403 or by e-mail at < Andrew. Turcotte@cdpr.ca.gov >.

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