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TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders
SUBJECT: CalPEST LAUNCH DETAILS

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is excited to inform stakeholders that we anticipate launching the California Pesticide Electronic Submission Tracking (CalPEST) system on **August 27, 2024**. CalPEST is a web-based software application designed to streamline DPR's pesticide registration process. CalPEST will serve as a centralized hub, offering a convenient, one-stop solution for all aspects of the pesticide registration process, including amendments, renewals, inactivation, and other activities. The shift to an electronic registration process is a part of our commitment to improving efficiency, accuracy, and accessibility. DPR has put measures in place to ensure continuity and efficiency of operations through the transition. We are here to support you through this transition and will provide a detailed user guide as well as short, focused help videos on the [CalPEST Page](http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/calpest.htm) <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/calpest.htm> as we near the launch date.

DPR plans to release CalPEST in two implementations. The first implementation, currently planned for **August 27, 2024**, will include the ability for applicants with a registered CalPEST account to electronically submit applications, including pesticide product labels, scientific data, and any required payments for renewals, new pesticide products, amendments, and company changes. These features will include the ability to pay for applications and pesticide product renewals through electronic fund transfers, credit card, or check payments. The second implementation, planned for **spring 2025**, will include revamping public search functionality associated with pesticide product registration and the ability for applicants to electronically apply for Emergency Exemptions from registration (Section 18s) and Special Local Needs registrations [Section 24(c)].

CalPEST LAUNCH PREPARATION

In preparation for the CalPEST launch, DPR will cease data entry into the current systems **starting August 1**. Note that submissions received before this date that DPR has not yet processed, and submissions received between **August 1 and August 26** will be directly entered into CalPEST upon launch **beginning August 27**. Applicants will not receive any notifications about their submission until we enter the submission into CalPEST. Halting entries for this short period ensures all new data is captured directly in CalPEST, maintaining accuracy and consistency. This process allows DPR to focus on ensuring CalPEST meets all our requirements and performs optimally. This approach also minimizes the risk of data discrepancies and redundancy, making the transition smoother and more efficient for everyone involved.

In **spring 2025**, the second implementation of CalPEST will introduce new and improved public search functionality for registration-related information. **After August 1**, the current [Pesticide Data Index Search](https://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/ereglip/main.cfm) <apps.cdpr.ca.gov/ereglip/main.cfm> will not include updated information from CalPEST in preparation for the second implementation. The [Pesticide Data Index Search](https://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/ereglip/main.cfm) <apps.cdpr.ca.gov/ereglip/main.cfm> will still be functional, and if updated study information is needed, the public can request the information through [DPR's Public Records Act Page](https://cdpr.ca.gov/public_r.htm) <cdpr.ca.gov/public_r.htm>. All other search functionality available will still be fully functional until the second implementation.

CalPEST LAUNCH

Upon launch, **on August 27**, pesticide product applicants, including registrants and agents, will be able to register for a CalPEST account. As the launch date nears, be on the lookout for the CalPEST user guide and instructional help videos on the [CalPEST Page](https://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/calpest.htm) <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/calpest.htm>. Also upon launch, **starting August 27**, DPR will begin entering the unprocessed submissions into CalPEST in the order they were received. Please note that applicants will not receive any notifications until we enter the submission into CalPEST. We want to assure you that this transition will not affect our overall processing timelines. We have put measures in place to ensure continuity and efficiency of operations. These measures include:

- Establishing a dedicated transition team to oversee the process.
- Developing and implementing a detailed transition plan and robust data migration plan.
- Running the current and new systems in parallel for a period.
- Providing extensive training for staff on the new system.
- Keeping stakeholders informed with regular updates.
- Conducting thorough testing and validation of the new system.
- Ensuring robust backup and recovery plans.

REGISTRATION PROCESS CHANGES DUE TO CalPEST

CalPEST will transform DPR's current manual paper process into a fully electronic process. Several significant changes will occur for applications processed after **August 1**. Applicants with a registered CalPEST account will be able to:

1. Electronically submit applications, including pesticide product labels and scientific studies.
2. Electronically pay for renewals, new pesticide products, amendments, and company changes.
3. Access detailed status updates associated with their submissions.
4. Access evaluation reports associated with their submissions.
5. Access accepted pesticide product labels associated with their submissions. Accepted product labels will have a detailed acceptance cover sheet appended as the first page of the product label in lieu of a stamp (see attachment for example).

6. Generate a company product license whenever needed. The company product license will list all registered products at the time of generation.

DPR encourages all applicants to create a CalPEST account and submit their applications through CalPEST, though DPR will still accept hard copy applications by mail. Applications received through CalPEST will be processed faster as they will bypass the additional time needed for mailing and data entry by DPR staff. In addition to longer initial processing times, applicants **without** a registered CalPEST account will experience the following changes:

1. Applicants will only receive two email notifications: 1) at the beginning stating DPR received the submission along with an invoice, and 2) at the end of the registration process stating DPR's final action. These email notifications will come from an automated CalPEST email address.
2. Applicants will no longer receive a copy of their product license, accepted pesticide product label, and acceptance letter by mail or email. Registrants and the public can request copies of the licenses and stamp accepted product labels through [DPR's Public Records Act Page](https://cdpr.ca.gov/public_r.htm) <cdpr.ca.gov/public_r.htm>. The accepted product labels will have a detailed acceptance cover sheet appended as the first page of the product label in lieu of a stamp (as noted above, see attachment for example).

All submissions, whether submitted through CalPEST or by mail, will be able to be routed concurrently to evaluation programs. Additionally, **DPR will no longer mail physical product licenses and accepted pesticide product labels.**

These changes are part of our commitment to improving efficiency, accuracy, and accessibility. We understand that such changes may raise questions, and we are here to support you through this transition. As previously stated, DPR will provide a detailed user guide as well as short, focused help videos on the [CalPEST Page](https://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/calpest.htm) <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/calpest.htm> as we near the launch date. For any questions or further clarification, please contact the CalPEST team at CalPEST@cdpr.ca.gov.

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Subject	CALIFORNIA ACCEPTED LABELING
Date	[MM/DD/YYYY]
Company	[COMPANY NAME]
Product Name	[PRODUCT NAME]
Reg. No.	[REGISTRATION NUMBER]
CALPEST ID*	[XXX-YYXXXXX]
Reviewed by	[DPR Contact] Pesticide Registration Branch

* PRO = New Product, AME = Amendment or Notification

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) accepted the above referenced product label. This registration action is based on compliance with provisions of California and, if applicable, federal laws and regulations pertaining to pesticide registration.

California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 12992 states it is unlawful for any person to sell any adulterated or misbranded pesticide. Pursuant to FAC sections 12881-12882, a product may be considered misbranded under various cases, which include if the product package or label bears any false or misleading statement or if the label does not conform to the DPR-approved registered label. If the label contains a reference to the company's Web site, the Web site is considered part of the product labeling and may be subject to DPR review. Claims made on the Web site may not differ from claims accepted through the registration process. If DPR finds that a Web site contains false statements, misleading statements, or claims differing from the accepted label claims, the unlawful Web site claims may be subject to an enforcement action.

The accepted label, as submitted by the company, follows this page.

Accessibility Statement: DPR is unable to modify the label because the original file was created by a third party. If you need assistance with the label, please contact the Pesticide Registration Branch at 916-445-4400.