

RE: Imidacloprid Groundwater Detection – CA Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act (PCPA)

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Imidacloprid Groundwater Detection – CA Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act (PCPA). I am the owner of a tree health care company, and we specialize in treatments for invasive pests here in Southern California.

I would like to share commercial impact regarding Imidacloprid use in California tree care.

1. We use Imidacloprid in the control and prevention of many invasive pests here in Southern California. The South American Palm Weevil, and Invasive Shot Hole Borer, for example. Without this product, we would lose large amounts of trees to these highly destructive pests.
2. Using Imidacloprid as a preventive measure in our general tree pest control greatly reduces the need for overhead spraying.

In summary, Imidacloprid is an essential product that we use to protect the trees in our community.

Any loss of the use of Imidacloprid will cause severe hardship on the tree health care industry as no alternative products can be effectively used for prevention of invasive pest damage.

Sincerely,

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