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CALIFORNIA DPR UPDATE

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HARNESSING THE STORM. 2026 ADJUVANTS, INERTS & CROP PROTECTION CONFERENCE

California Legislative Update

Budget: $400,000 from General Fund for additional environmental monitoring.

Budget: $800,000 from General Fund for maintenance and expansion of SprayDays.

Audit: Assembly Toxics Committee has requested an audit of the relationship between DPR, Ag Commissioners, and PCAs.

AB 1603: Mandates all pesticides with a single PFA molecule be designated a Restricted Use Product by 2028 and bans those pesticides completely by 2030.

California DPR Look to the Horizon

James “Jim” Messina

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- EPA and State Support, emphasis on California and other “special” states
- Team of regulatory experts and scientists to support all aspects of regulated product life-cycle
- Washington, DC and Sacramento, CA

California DPR Look to the Horizon

DPR's Goals – Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap

- Eliminate "priority" (high-risk) pesticides by 2050
- SPM and IPM Overview - Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Statutory requirements for reevaluation and mitigation identified in AB 2113
- DPR Committees
  - Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC)
  - Sustainable Pest Management (SPM)
  - Science Prioritization and Review Committee (SPARC)

DPR's Increased Continuous Evaluation and Mitigation Activities

- Continuous Evaluation and Mitigation Update - Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Updated at least 1x annually (DPR goal is 2x)
- DPR not consistently contacting impacted registrants

California DPR Look to the Horizon

DPR Adjuvant Registration

- Much more complicated
- Many DPR staff involved, many of whom are inexperienced with adjuvants
- No defined data requirements or expectations

Registration Overview

- Current timelines are not good (10-12 months to start review)
- DPR not even close to meeting statutory timelines required in AB 2113

Regulated Community Action Items

- Stay aware of ongoing activities
- Public comment
- Engage with DPR committees, public meetings, etc.
- DPR Listserv

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THANK YOU!