

Re: Dept. of Pesticide Regulation Proposal for Pesticide Use Near Schools

Flexibility is key in protecting crops and assuring safety in pesticide use. Current rules provide safety and flexibility. Farmers must have the ability to respond to changing weather or other conditions that could threaten their crops. Any regulation must have an emergency provision to address situations that must be handled quickly. One-size-fits-all regulations won't work for anyone. **I oppose this proposed regulation.**

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As a farmer, safety is my No. 1 goal. Existing rules already protect public schools and licensed child-care centers to assure safety when materials are applied. If DPR is allowed to restrict pesticide applications for no scientific reason, we will hurt California farms and end up buying more of our food from other countries that do not have a fraction of the safety and protections current California laws provide. Unsubstantiated concern is not a premise for increased regulations. **I oppose the proposed DPR regulation.**

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New precision technology and improved mitigation practices have made pesticide applications safer than ever, but the proposed DPR regulation doesn't recognize that. It isn't based on new science or technology. Existing regulations were developed using scientific principles closely followed by the state and federal governments. This regulation abandons that framework and ignores application improvements or recent changes in law. **I oppose this proposed regulation.** It is a huge step in the wrong direction.

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Farmers use sound practices, long approved by local, state and federal governments, to assure safety when applying pesticides. Existing rules protect public schools and licensed child-care centers. There is no evidence additional restrictions would enhance safety. It makes no sense to continually allow schools to be built on agricultural-zoned land and then tell farmers to stop farming. That's a taking of property.
I oppose this proposed regulation.

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I work in agricultural fields that are a quarter-mile from schools and know we do nothing that would harm children. We follow the county, state and federal laws that provide many layers of protection for me and anybody near a field that we work in. My children attend these same schools. I care about my family, my community and myself. Any material we use to stop pests and diseases has been and always will be carefully applied. **I oppose this proposal.**

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Con Respecto a: Departamento de Reglamentación de Pesticidas, Propuesta para Uso de pesticidas cerca de las escuelas

Yo trabajo en los campos agrícolas, los que están a un cuarto de milla de las escuelas y sé que no hacemos nada que pudiera dañar a los niños. Seguimos las leyes del condado, estatales y federales que proporcionan muchas capas de protección para mí y cualquier persona cerca de un campo en los que trabajamos. Mis hijos asisten a estas mismas escuelas. Yo cuido a mi familia, mi comunidad y a mí mismo. Cualquier material que utilizamos para detener las plagas y enfermedades ha sido y siempre será aplicado con mucho cuidado. Yo me opongo a esta propuesta.

Cualquier Comentario Adicional:

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